

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Singapore

Singapore to open Vaccinated Travel Lane with Brunei and Germany; resumes issuance of entry approvals for vaccinated work pass holders

### Executive summary

The Singapore Government recently started admitting fully vaccinated work pass holders and their dependent family members who were present in certain high-risk locations prior to their entry into Singapore. The Government also recently announced that eligible travelers from Brunei and Germany will be allowed to enter Singapore under the Vaccinated Travel Lane starting in September 2021.

### Entry approvals for fully vaccinated work pass holders

Effective 10 August 2021, Singapore's Ministry of Manpower started issuing entry approvals to fully vaccinated work pass (e.g., Employment Pass) holders and their dependent family members who traveled from, or were present in, high-risk locations other than Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka at any time in the 21 days preceding their travel to Singapore. Previously, work pass holders and their family members who traveled from, or were present in, high-risk locations were inadmissible.

Foreigners are considered fully vaccinated for purposes of entry to Singapore if they received the second dose of a qualifying two-dose vaccine, or a single dose of a qualifying single-dose vaccine at least 14 days prior to travel to Singapore. Qualifying vaccines include the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, and the World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing vaccines (e.g., Sinovac, Sinopharm, AstraZeneca). Eligible travelers and their dependents must carry proof that they are fully vaccinated to be admitted. Travelers who fail to produce such proof will be denied entry

into Singapore. Those who were vaccinated outside of Singapore must register their vaccination records with the Singapore National Immunisation Registry and get tested for COVID-19 at an approved health facility within two weeks of completing their Stay-Home Notice in Singapore. Failure to do so may result in suspensions or cancellations of travelers' work passes.

### Exemptions from the vaccination requirement

Limited exemptions from the vaccination requirement are in place for certain categories of travelers, including:

- ▶ Work pass holders and their dependents who traveled from, and were only present in, lower-risk locations (i.e., Australia, Brunei, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Macau, New Zealand and Taiwan) in the 21 days preceding their arrival in Singapore
- ▶ Travelers seeking admission under the [Periodic Commuting Arrangement](#)
- ▶ S Pass and Work Permit holders in the construction, marine shipyard and process sectors
- ▶ Individuals who are medically ineligible to receive the vaccine (and who can prove the same through records or documents issued by a medical doctor)
- ▶ Dependent family members below the age of 12
- ▶ Unvaccinated dependent family members between the ages of 12 and 17 (incl.), provided they agree to receive the first dose of a two-dose vaccine within one month of arrival in Singapore, and the second dose within one month of receiving the first dose

## Updated border and health measures

The Singapore Government recently updated the way in which it classifies locations for purposes of travel to Singapore. Locations are classified into four categories and travelers from these locations are subject to different border and health measures. For more information, click [here](#).

## Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) with Brunei and Germany

Effective 1 September 2021, fully vaccinated short-term visitors (e.g., business travelers) and Long Term Pass holders (e.g., Employment Pass) traveling from Brunei and Germany can apply for a Vaccinated Travel Pass that would allow them to enter Singapore on or after 8 September 2021. Travelers must have been present exclusively in Brunei and/or Germany in the 21 days leading up to their travel to Singapore. Travelers who meet all [requirements](#) under the VTL will be exempt from the Stay-Home Notice requirement. Work pass holders and their dependents who are traveling from Brunei or Germany remain eligible to enter Singapore under the [Work Pass Holder General Lane](#) (WPHL).

## Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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