

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Nigeria

Updated policies for inbound travelers

Executive summary

The Nigerian Government implemented new policies for inbound travelers on 25 October 2021.

Fully vaccinated travelers

Effective 25 October 2021, fully vaccinated travelers are no longer required to isolate upon arrival in Nigeria; however, they are now required to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test on their second day in the country. Fully vaccinated travelers who test positive for COVID-19 after entering Nigeria may be required to isolate at a government-approved facility.

Unvaccinated travelers

Travelers who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated are still required to isolate in a private residence or other accommodation for seven days on arrival. They are now required to take a PCR COVID-19 test on their second and seventh day in Nigeria, and test negative for COVID-19 on their seventh day in Nigeria to end their isolation. Previously, these travelers were only required to get tested for COVID-19 on their seventh day in the country.

Business visitors

Effective 25 October 2021, business visitors who are seeking to remain in Nigeria for six days or less will not be granted admission unless they are fully vaccinated. Previously, short term business visitors were admissible to Nigeria subject to the same entry rules and restrictions as other travelers, irrespective of the intended period of stay.

Vaccines recognized by the Nigerian Government

The Nigerian Government has not published a formal list of approved vaccines. However, the following vaccines are approved by the Nigerian National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC): Moderna, AstraZeneca and Pfizer-BioNTech. Other COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Sputnik V, Janssen) are approved conditionally, pending further review by the NAFDAC.

Key steps

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

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