

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Uruguay

New policies for inbound travelers

Executive summary

Fully vaccinated travelers, travelers who recovered from COVID-19, and those under the age of 18 may now enter Uruguay and are not required to quarantine on arrival.

Key issues

Effective 1 November 2021, fully vaccinated travelers, travelers under the age of 18, and individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 20 to 90 days prior to their travel to Uruguay and are not symptomatic, are now admissible to Uruguay, provided they: (1) take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel (by air) or arrival (by land), and test negative, (2) take a second PCR COVID-19 test seven days after their first PCR COVID-19 test, (3) possess medical insurance that covers the cost of COVID-19-related treatment while in Uruguay, and (4) complete a [declaration form](#) and present the same to the Uruguayan border authorities upon arrival. Travelers who qualify for admission as fully vaccinated or recovered persons, or as minors, are not required to quarantine on arrival, unless they test positive for COVID-19 after entering into Uruguay.

The Uruguayan Government has not published a list of approved COVID-19 vaccines for purposes of entry into the country. However, it announced that individuals must have received all required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved by the government in their country of residence, and waited the necessary amount of time to be considered fully immunized (e.g., 14 days from the final dose), to be considered fully vaccinated for purposes of travel to Uruguay.

Prior to 1 November 2021, non-Uruguayan citizens and permanent residents were only admissible if they were eligible for a specific exemption (e.g., Brazilian border workers who remained exclusively in a location along the Brazil/Uruguay border) or if they had another valid purpose for entering the country (e.g., urgent business travel, family reunification). In general, travelers who requested admission on the basis of urgent business purposes were required to obtain advance approval and an authorization document from the Uruguayan authorities prior to travel.

Travelers who are not fully vaccinated may still be admitted to Uruguay (e.g., for urgent business travel). However, they are required to quarantine in Uruguay for 14 days after arrival. These travelers may shorten their quarantine period by taking a voluntary PCR COVID-19 test on their seventh day of isolation and testing negative.

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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