

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Singapore

New border control measures to go into effect on 22 February 2022

Executive summary

Effective 22 February 2022, inbound travelers will be subject to new, simplified quarantine rules, Long-Term Pass Holders (LTPH) will benefit from less onerous entry requirements, and additional Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTL) will become available to qualifying travelers.

New, streamlined quarantine rules

Singapore currently categorizes foreign jurisdictions into four groups based on the perceived risk of transmission of COVID-19 by individuals traveling from these jurisdictions to Singapore. Effective 22 February 2022, Categories 2 (risk), 3 (high-risk) and 4 (very high-risk) will be combined into a newly, unified "General Travel" category. In addition, the Government of Singapore will introduce a new "Restricted" Category for jurisdictions with COVID-19 related developments that warrant stricter controls (e.g., following the discovery of new COVID-19 variants in these jurisdictions).

Effective 22 February 2022, individuals entering Singapore from Category 1 and General Category jurisdictions, or who were present in Category 1 and General Category jurisdictions, in the seven days preceding their desired entry to Singapore, will:

- Need to self-isolate for 7 days on arrival (down from 10 days previously)
- No longer need to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test upon arrival in Singapore if they are traveling from [Category 1 jurisdictions](#) or entering via a VTL. These travelers will instead be required to take a supervised self-swab rapid antigen COVID-19 test at an approved testing center no more than 24 hours after entering Singapore

- No longer require a Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) or entry approval to enter Singapore if they are eligible LTPH

[Fully vaccinated](#) individuals arriving from Category 1 jurisdictions and/or via a VTL will still be exempt from the requirement to isolate after arrival to Singapore after 22 February 2022.

Long-Term Pass Holders

Effective 22 February 2022, fully vaccinated LTPH (except Work Permit holders) who enter Singapore will no longer require a VTP or entry approval. Fully vaccinated Work Permit holders who enter Singapore via a VTL will still require a VTP unless they are in the Construction, Marine Shipyard and Process (CMP) sectors or are otherwise dormitory-bound Work Permit holders. Work Permit holders, including those in the CMP sector, who enter Singapore via a Lane other than a VTL (e.g., Work Pass Holder General Lane) will still be required to obtain an entry approval prior to travel to Singapore.

Vaccinated Travel Lanes

Effective 22 February 2022, the following measures will go into effect:

- VTL air quotas will be restored from the temporary 50% reduction that was initiated in December 2021

- New VTL with Hong Kong, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will be launched, and the first VTL flights from these jurisdictions to Singapore will commence on 25 February 2022. Individuals who hold Air Travel Passes (ATP) for travel from Hong Kong to Singapore will no longer be able to use their ATP starting on 25 February 2022, at which time all existing, valid ATP will be canceled and no longer valid for travel
- A new VTL with Indonesia will be launched and permit eligible individuals who are present on Bintan Island or Batam Island to enter Singapore by sea without having to quarantine on arrival (and vice versa). Singaporean residents going to Bintan Island and Batam Island are only allowed to visit specific resorts on these islands. Ferries will begin transporting eligible travelers from/to these locations starting on 25 February 2022.

Effective 4 March 2022, new VTL with Israel and the Philippines will be launched and permit eligible individuals to travel to Singapore by air from these jurisdictions without having to quarantine on arrival. Eligible travelers will be allowed to file their VTP applications to enter Singapore from these jurisdictions starting on 1 March 2022.

The Singapore Government also intends to extend the VTL with Thailand to include individuals traveling to Singapore by air from any location in Thailand. Currently, only individuals traveling to Singapore by air from Bangkok are eligible to enter via a VTL without having to quarantine on arrival. Additional details, including the expected implementation date for this measure, have not yet announced.

Click [here](#) for more information regarding travel rules and restrictions.

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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