

Mobility: immigration alert

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Canada

Canada to remove pre-entry test requirements for fully vaccinated travellers

Executive summary

The Canadian Government has announced that effective 1 April 2022, fully vaccinated travellers will no longer need to undergo and provide a pre-entry COVID-19 test result to enter Canada by air, land or water. Currently, fully vaccinated travellers must provide a valid pre-entry test when travelling to Canada.

Travel requirements

As of April 1, fully vaccinated travellers will still need to submit their mandatory information to the ArriveCAN app or website prior to arriving in Canada. They also may be required to take a COVID-19 molecular test upon arrival in Canada if they are randomly selected on arrival for mandatory testing. Travellers selected for mandatory random testing will not be required to quarantine in Canada while awaiting their test results; they will, however, be required to have a quarantine plan at the ready in the event that they do test positive. According to Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, Ottawa is comfortable with reducing restrictions on travellers entering Canada given high vaccination rates, increasing availability and use of rapid tests to detect infection, and stable COVID-19 case counts.

Qualifying as fully vaccinated

To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller to Canada you must:

- Have received at least two doses of a vaccine accepted for travel, a mix of two accepted vaccines, or at least one dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine
- Have received your second dose at least 14 calendar days before you enter Canada

- Have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- Follow pre-entry requirements, including uploading proof of your vaccine in ArriveCAN, completing your ArriveCAN submission and have ArriveCAN receipt with letter I, V, or A beside your name, and complete arrival test if selected

Acceptable vaccines for travel

Vaccines accepted by the Government of Canada include:

- AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222)
- Bharat Biotech (Covaxin, BBV152 A, B, C)
- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
- Moderna (mRNA-1273)
- Novavax (NVX-COV2372, Nuvaxovid, Covovax)
- Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2) including for children aged 5 to 11 years
- Sinopharm BIBP (BBIBP-CorV)
- Sinovac (CoronaVac, PiCoVacc)

Partially and unvaccinated travellers

Pre-entry testing requirements for travellers allowed to enter Canada and who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated remain in place. Travellers aged five years and up who are not fully vaccinated will still be required to provide proof of an accepted pre-entry test after April 1. The accepted tests include:

- A valid negative antigen test, administered or observed by an accredited lab or testing provider, taken outside of Canada no more than one day before their scheduled flight departure or arrival at the land or marine port of entry



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- A valid molecular test, taken no more than 72 hours before their scheduled flight departure or arrival at the land or marine port of entry
- A previous positive molecular test, taken at least ten calendar days and no more than 180 calendar days before their scheduled flight departure or arrival at the land or marine port of entry

As a reminder, only positive molecular tests are accepted. Positive antigen tests are not accepted at this time.

Should you have any questions with respect to these new measures, please do not hesitate to contact your EY Law LLP professional.

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