

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Vietnam

Vietnam relaxes several COVID-19-related entry requirements

Executive summary

The Vietnamese Government recently implemented new policies that permit inbound travelers to enter Vietnam without obtaining prior approval and remain in the country without having to quarantine after arrival. Vietnam also reinstated visa exemptions for tourists from certain countries.

Key issues

The Vietnamese Government recently announced that inbound travelers, including foreigners entering Vietnam for business or work purposes, are no longer required to obtain entry approval from the Vietnamese authorities prior to entry. Previously, in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Vietnam, the Government instituted a temporary measure whereby all non-Vietnamese travelers were required to obtain pre-travel entry approval from the local authorities (i.e., the People Committee) in the location to which they were traveling in Vietnam.

The Vietnamese Government also updated its quarantine policy and announced that inbound travelers who arrive to Vietnam by air are no longer required to quarantine/isolate after entering Vietnam, provided they tested negative for a reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel, or a rapid antigen COVID-19 test no more than 24 hours prior to travel. Previously, all travelers (including vaccinated travelers) were required to quarantine upon arrival, even if they tested negative for COVID-19 prior to travel.

The Vietnamese Government also reinstated visa exemptions for tourists from the locations listed further below. Citizens of these countries may once again enter Vietnam as tourists for 14, 15, 21 or 30 days per trip, depending on their nationality: Belarus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore. Travelers must hold a passport that is valid for at least six months from their desired date of entry to Vietnam to be eligible to enter without a visa.

Travelers are still required to complete an [online medical declaration form](#) prior to their arrival and notify the local authorities in Vietnam if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 while they are in Vietnam.

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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