

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Spain

### Relaxed entry rules for individuals traveling from outside of the European Union and Schengen Area

#### Executive summary

Effective 22 October 2022, individuals who travel to Spain from outside of the European Union (EU) and [Schengen Area](#) are no longer required to provide proof that they are vaccinated against, recovered from, or tested negative for, COVID-19, to be admitted.

#### Relaxed entry requirements

The new rule applies both to nationals of EU and [European Economic Area](#) (EEA) Member States, and nationals of countries located outside of the EU and EEA (i.e., third-country nationals). Prior to 22 October 2022, individuals traveling to Spain from outside of the EU and Schengen Area were required to provide proof that they:

- ▶ Held a COVID-19 vaccination certificate confirming that they received the final non-booster dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., the second dose of an approved two-dose vaccine or a single dose of an approved one-dose vaccine) at least 14 days, and no more than 270 days, prior to travel to Spain. For purposes of entry to Spain, approved COVID-19 vaccines include those that were approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ▶ Held a Certificate of Recovery issued by a competent authority or medical institution at least 11 days, and no more than 180 days, after the traveler tested positive for COVID-19.
- ▶ Took an active infection diagnostic COVID-19 (AIDT) test no more than 72 hours, or an antigen COVID-19 test no more than 24 hours, prior to travel, and tested negative.

The rules governing the entry of individuals traveling from locations within the EU or Schengen Area remain unchanged. These travelers are not required to provide proof of recovery or vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test certificate, to be admitted to Spain.

#### Non-essential travel

In general, third-country nationals who seek to travel to Spain from locations outside of the EU or EEA may only do so if their travel is considered essential. However, these travelers may be admitted to Spain, even if their travel is not considered essential, provided they:

- ▶ Hold a valid COVID-19 vaccination or recovery certificate, or a certificate confirming that they tested negative for a pre-travel AIDT or antigen COVID-19 test.
- ▶ Are residents of Andorra, Monaco, the Vatican (Holy See), San Marino, an EU Member State or a Schengen Member State, and carry proof of the same.
- ▶ Hold a long-stay visa issued by a Schengen or EU Member State, and that Member State is their final destination.

The rule above is set to expire on 15 November 2022, and the Spanish authorities are expected to decide whether to extend or eliminate this restriction by/before that date.

#### Impact on employers

The recent measures adopted by the Spanish government reflect the evolving nature of the pandemic and are expected to facilitate the entry of foreign nationals to Spain.

## 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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