

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Japan

New COVID-19-related restrictions for travelers arriving from China Mainland and Macau

Executive summary

Effective 12 January 2023 and until further notice, individuals traveling to Japan on direct flights from China Mainland or Macau must test negative for COVID-19 prior to departure to be able to board their flights. In addition, individuals traveling directly from China Mainland or Macau, or who were present in China Mainland in the seven days prior to their travel, must get tested for COVID-19 upon arrival in Japan.

Key developments

Individuals traveling from China Mainland or Macau via direct flights must present proof that they took a COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to departure, and tested negative, to board their flights to Japan, irrespective of their nationality or COVID-19 vaccination status. Individuals who traveled from China Mainland or Macau but transited through another jurisdiction en route to Japan are also required to get tested for COVID-19 prior to travel if they do not have a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate.

Effective 30 December 2022, individuals who were present in China Mainland in the seven days prior to their arrival in Japan must complete an [online pre-registration](#) prior to travel and get tested for COVID-19 upon arrival, irrespective of their nationality or COVID-19 vaccination status. These requirements do not apply to travelers who were recently present in Macau, Hong Kong or Taiwan. Travelers who test positive for COVID-19 upon arrival are required to quarantine at a government-approved facility.

Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees traveling from China Mainland and Macau of the new requirements to avoid delays or complications relating to travel to Japan.

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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