

**LEGAL ALERT**

**IMPORTANT UPDATES ON MACAU TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

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On 9 November 2020, the Macau Government announced easing of travel restrictions for foreigners satisfying certain criteria.

Previously, both (i) foreigners and (ii) residents of Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan who have visited foreign country in the 14 days prior to arrival are banned from entering Macau.

Now, pursuant to Executive Order no. 213/2020, the following groups of foreigners may apply to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for permission to enter Macau from December 1 onwards:

ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2020	
<i>(i)</i> Foreigners and <i>(ii)</i> residents of Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan who have visited foreign country in the 14 days prior to arrival <b>to Macau</b> :	
CAN ENTER MACAU UPON APPROVAL	
There are 2 groups of people eligible for the application:	
First group	Second group
Foreigners who have essential public interests to Macau (e.g. disease control and prevention as well as emergency rescue), or those who are crucial in sustaining the daily operation of the city.	Foreigners who have stayed for 14 days in Mainland China prior to their expected date of arrival in Macau and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They are either the spouse or child of a Macau resident;</li><li>• They hold a non-resident working permit or a permit to enter Macau for work purposes or they are a family member of such a worker, and have either obtained the relevant authorization or meet the eligibility requirements to stay in Macau;</li><li>• They have been accepted by a Macau higher education institution; or</li><li>• They plan to visit Macau for an important commercial, academic or professional activity.</li></ul>

The applicants should submit the following documents:

- an application to the Director of the Health Bureau, stating the grounds for the application;
- a copy of their personal identification document; and
- in cases where applicants wish to arrive from the mainland, proof of their prior stay there.

The travel restrictions currently in place are as follows:

	IN 14 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, THOSE WHO HAVE VISITED	REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY IN MACAU
<b>Macau Residents</b>	<b>Mainland China</b>	must present a nucleic acid test certificate with negative COVID-19 infection issued within 7 days <sup>1</sup>
	<b>Hong Kong</b>	must present a nucleic acid test certificate with negative COVID-19 infection issued within 24 hours and undergo 14 days of centralized isolation medical observation
	<b>Taiwan</b>	must present a nucleic acid test certificate with negative COVID-19 infection issued within 7 days and undergo 14 days of centralized isolation medical observation
	<b>Foreign country</b>	must present a nucleic acid test certificate with negative COVID-19 infection issued within 7 days and undergo 14 days of centralized isolation medical observation
<b>Residents of Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan</b>	<b>Mainland China</b>	must present a nucleic acid test certificate with negative COVID-19 infection issued within 7 days <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Hong Kong</b>	must present a nucleic acid test certificate with negative COVID-19 infection issued within 24 hours and undergo 14 days of centralized isolation medical observation
	<b>Taiwan</b>	must present a nucleic acid test certificate with negative COVID-19 infection issued within 7 days and undergo 14 days of centralized isolation medical observation
	<b>Foreign country</b>	for arrivals on or after 1 December 2020, eligible person may apply for permission to enter Macau under Executive Order no. 213/2020.
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<sup>1</sup> Those who have visited any of the following places are required to undergo 14 days of centralized isolation medical observation:

- Kashgar Prefecture, Xinjiang
- Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang
- Zhuqiao Township in Pudong New Area, Shanghai
- Hangu Street in Binhai New Area, Tianjin
- Cold-chain logistics area at the central fishing port in Binhai New Area, Tianjin

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- Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang
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