


# Entry requirement for Hong Kong

An aerial photograph of Hong Kong, showing a dense cluster of skyscrapers and high-rise buildings. The city is built on hills, with greenery visible at the base of the buildings. The Victoria Harbour is visible in the background, with the water reflecting the blue sky. The overall scene is a vibrant, modern urban landscape.

Passengers who are ending their journey in Hong Kong and have visited or travelled through one of the countries listed below in the 14 days prior to arrival, must take additional steps to enter Hong Kong\*:

Belgium (*per 3 Nov*), Bangladesh, Ethiopia, France, the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States and South Africa.

Further on in this document we will refer to these as the "High Risk countries".

[\\*Under Regulation Cap.599H](#)

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# Hong Kong Entry Requirements



# General Entry Requirements for Hong Kong



All passengers arriving into Hong Kong will be asked to undergo a medical test for COVID-19 and all passengers will be required to wait for their results. [Read more](#)

Only residents with the following documents will be permitted to enter Hong Kong:

- Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card that:
  - bears the "asterisk" or "A" or "R" codes
  - bears the "C" code (provided that it is accompanied by a valid work visa or study visa)
  - bears the "U" code (Note: this type of HKID is subject to approval from Hong Kong Immigration prior to acceptance at check in)
- Hong Kong SAR passport or British National (Overseas) passport (with right to abode in Hong Kong)
- Hong Kong Document of Identity
- 599H does not apply to transit passengers

PLEASE NOTE: Non-Hong Kong residents will be denied entry into Hong Kong

# Passengers exempt from entry restrictions



- Passengers travelling from the Chinese mainland, Taiwan or Macao, and have not been to any other country/region in the past 14 days
- Diplomatic/official passport holders (subject to prevailing visa requirements)
- The spouse and children of Hong Kong residents
- Local government personnel performing official duties
- Personnel approved by the Hong Kong SAR government to carry out anti-epidemic work
- Passengers holding a new entry visa to work, study, establish or join in any business, or to take up residence in Hong Kong

Passengers falling into this exemption category must still meet the minimum 14 days intended/permitted limit of stay in order to meet the 14 days of compulsory quarantine requirements



# Hong Kong Transit Requirements



# Hong Kong transit requirements



If you transit through Hong Kong, you are exempted from the additional steps if departing the UK but must meet the following requirements:

- Itinerary is contained in a single booking
- Meet final destination entry requirements
- Bags checked through to final destination
- Issued onward boarding pass at origin
- Connection time between flights is within 24 hours

From 15 August until further notice, passengers starting their journey in the Chinese mainland will be able to transit Hong Kong International Airport provided they meet the above requirements. Transiting to destinations in the Chinese mainland remains unavailable



# Additional steps for customers departing from / via the High Risk countries





# Additional documentation



As an additional measure to ensure the well-being of residents of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong government has requested all passengers from High Risk countries, ending their journey in Hong Kong to provide additional documentation before they can be accepted for the flight.

Passengers who are ending their journey in Hong Kong and have visited or passed through any of the High Risk countries in the 14 days prior to arrival must present three additional documents upon check-in and arrival:

- A negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test report
- Documentary evidence showing that the laboratory is accredited
- 14-day confirmation of hotel reservation in Hong Kong

## Specified conditions imposed on inbound travellers who have visited specified high risk places (Cap.599H)


Under Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap.599H), an inbound traveller who, on the day on which the traveller boarded a civil aviation aircraft that arrives at, or is about to arrive at Hong Kong (specified aircraft), or during the 14 days before that day, has stayed in **any specified place** (i.e. Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States of America [Remark]), must provide the following documents:

Remark: Taking into account the latest public health risk assessment, and the changes and developments of the epidemic situation, the Secretary for Food and Health will publish in the Gazette new specifications to maintain the conditions imposed and to include **France** and **Russia** as specified places with effect from October 26 until further notice.


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A test report in English or Chinese issued by a laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the relevant traveller identical to that in his or her valid travel document to show that:

- a** The relevant traveller underwent a nucleic acid test for COVID-19, the sample for which was taken from the relevant traveller within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the specified aircraft;
- b** The test conducted on the sample is a nucleic acid test for COVID-19; and
- c** The result of the test is the relevant traveller was tested negative for COVID-19; and




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If the relevant report is not in English or Chinese or does not contain all of the above information, a written confirmation in English or Chinese issued by the laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the relevant traveller identical to that in his or her valid travel document and setting out all of the above information. The said written confirmation should be presented together with the test report; and

**3**



Documentary proof in English or Chinese to show that the laboratory or healthcare institution is ISO 15189 accredited or is recognised or approved by the relevant authority of the government of the place in which the laboratory or healthcare institution is located; and

**4**



The relevant traveller has confirmation in English or Chinese of room reservation in a hotel in Hong Kong for not less than 14 days starting on the day of the arrival of the relevant traveller in Hong Kong.

The operator of the specified aircraft should submit to the Department of Health (DH) before the specified aircraft arrives at Hong Kong a document in a form specified by the DH confirming that each relevant traveller has, before being checked-in for the flight to Hong Kong on that aircraft, produced for boarding on the aircraft the documentary proof to show that the above conditions are met.

Travellers to Hong Kong should note that, they will still be mandated to have their deep throat saliva samples collected for conducting testing for COVID-19 at the DH's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre and wait for their test results at a designated location.



# Nucleic acid test report



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Passengers must present a negative COVID-19 lab report that meets the following criteria:

- The test must be in English or Chinese
- The name on the report must be identical to their travel document
- The test must be a Nucleic Acid Test for Covid-19 and the result must show that it is negative, not detected, undetectable
- Sample must be collected 72 hours within scheduled time of departure to Hong Kong
- If there is a schedule change or flight cancellation, passengers are responsible for ensuring that their COVID-19 test meets 72-hour requirement
- Electronic copy is acceptable

An antigen or antibody test is not accepted

Please note: Sometimes the tests are done at a clinic and processed in a lab, if this is the case, the clinic will need to issue a letter stating clearly the name of the lab where the test was processed and the lab's accreditation certificate

# Nucleic acid test acceptable terminology



Different labs use different terminology when referring to the nucleic acid test, the following terminology is acceptable:

- Nucleic test
- Nucleic acid amplification (NAA) test
- CBNAAT test
- Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test
- TrueNat Test
- Reverse-Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test
- RT-PCR Nucleic Acid Swab Test
- Real time RT-PCR
- Real-time PCR
- one-step RT-qPCR test
- Ribonucleic acid (RNA) test
- RNA Nasoph Swab
- Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)
- Any tests with keywords “NAAT”, “PCR” or “RNA”

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If the lab report does not contain all the requirements a lab letter can be supplemented in addition to the lab report

- This must be in English or Chinese
- The name must be identical to travel document
- Nucleic Acid test for COVID-19 was conducted
- Result must show as negative, undetectable or not detected
- Specimen collected within 72 hours

Lab letter must contain all of the above (not just the missing part from the lab test)





# Documentary proof of certified lab

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Passengers must have documentary proof (in English or Chinese) to show that the laboratory or health care institution is:

- ISO15189 accredited OR
- the laboratory or healthcare institution is recognised or approved by the relevant authority of the government of the place in which the laboratory or healthcare institution is located.
  - Dutch Accreditation Council: [Click here](#)
  - Belgian Accreditation Body BELAC: [Click here](#)



# Hong Kong hotel booking



# Hotelbooking in Hong Kong

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Passengers must have confirmation of a hotel booking in Hong Kong that meets the following criteria:

- The booking must be for a hotel and a hotel only
- It must be in English or Chinese
- The hotel confirmation needs to be for a booking no less than 14 days starting on the day of arrival
- E booking is acceptable
- Hostels, Airbnb, guest houses or other residences are not accepted



# More information

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- Hong Kong SAR, Cap. 599H regulation: [Click here](#)
- Dutch Accreditation Council: [Click here](#)
- Belgian Accreditation Body BELAC: [Click here](#)



