

GUIDELINES FOR ENTRY TRAVEL PASS APPLICATIONS TO ENTER BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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- 1. The Entry Travel Pass is a document issued for inbound travelers of foreign nationalities arriving in Brunei Darussalam for the purpose of **essential travel requiring an immigration pass or visa**.
- 2. The Entry Travel Pass may be issued for the following individuals:
 - Essential business travel (including official travel)
 - Students
 - Individual primarily here for the purpose of medical treatment
 - Compassionate and other special circumstances, such as parents, spouse, or other immediate family members of Brunei Citizens or Residents.

Applications will be reviewed for considerations on a case-to-case basis by authorities.

- 3. The Entry Travel Pass is <u>not</u> a visa. The sponsoring agency (or sponsoring family member) is required to apply for entry visa on behalf of the travelers, should they require one.
- 4. The length of stay permitted for Entry Travel Pass holders will be determined according to the visa being issued.

APPLICATION AND PRE-DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

- 5. Applications must be submitted by the sponsoring (receiving) agency or sponsoring family member in Brunei Darussalam on behalf of the traveler via **Prime Minister's Office Travel Application website** (<u>http://pmo.gov.bn/travelportal</u>)
- 6. The contact person of the sponsoring agency or sponsoring family member must be available to be contacted at all times.
- 7. Individuals applying for Entry Travel for the purpose of employment must have a valid Foreign Worker's License issued by the Department of Labour, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 8. If the individual is intending to make official travel to Brunei Darussalam, the sponsoring agency being a national authority or government agency must submit a supporting letter from the Permanent Secretary or Head of said agency.
- 9. If the traveler is intending to make business travel to Brunei Darussalam, the sponsoring agency being a private company must obtain and submit a letter of endorsement from the relevant Brunei Darussalam authority or government agency (Appendix I).
- 10. Applications must be submitted at least 8 working days before intended date of travel.

- 11. Upon arrival, travelers will be required to undergo self-isolation at private residences (if suitable) or hotel accommodation for a period of between 2 to 14 days depending on the self-isolation notice that is given upon arrival as determined by the Ministry of Health's risk assessment. Accommodation for the duration of post-arrival self-isolation must be selected from the drop down menu on the Entry Travel Pass application page. It is the responsibility of the traveler or Sponsoring agency to book directly with hoteliers and secure such accommodation before arrival. It is advised to make a minimum booking duration of 6 days stay at the hotel and to refer to respective hotels on their refund/cancellation policies. Change of hotel during the determined isolation period is not allowed.
- 12. Important note for eligibility of Entry Travel Pass:
 - Travelers must have remained within the country of departure for the last 14 days prior to departure for Brunei
 - Transit while en-route to Brunei is only permitted in a country with an equivalent or lower risk category as per Ministry of Health risk assessment. The traveler may not leave the airport while in transit.
- 13. The sponsoring agency must provide the following documents with the application:
 - Applicant's passport
 - Applicant's COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (if traveler has received such vaccination)
 - Tentative flight itinerary / Vehicle registration number (for land travel)
 - Tentative hotel reservation in Brunei Darussalam for self-isolation purposes (if private residence is not available or unsuitable)
 - A signed letter of undertaking from the sponsoring agency (or sponsoring family member), stating that self-isolation accommodation costs and COVID-19 RT-PCR tests upon arrival will be borne by the sponsoring agency (or sponsoring family member) and assuring that the traveler has been in good health and remained in the country of departure for 14 days prior to the intended date of travel
 - For those requiring a Special Authorization Work Pass (SAWP) or Professional Visit Visa a letter of endorsement from the relevant Brunei Darussalam authority or government agency

PRE-DEPARTURE COVID-19 TEST

- 14. Approved ETP holders are required to undertake pre-departure COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR) testing (within 48 hours prior to departure) at a designated medical center that is recognized by the government of the country of departure and a certified Antigen Rapid Test within 24 hours of departure (for arrivals on 1 January 2022 onwards). Travelers should refrain from leaving their place of residence for non-essential reasons during the period of time between undergoing the pre-departure tests and departing the country for Brunei Darussalam.
- 15. Where there are circumstances that the traveler is unable to obtain such test, the sponsor must obtain an exemption letter from Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam via e-mail at etp.health@moh.gov.bn

OTHER PRE-DEPARTURE REQUIREMENTS

16. Sponsoring agency (or sponsoring family member) are required to make a payment for the post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test for the traveler before the date of arrival in Brunei Darussalam. Payment can be made online via this link: <u>https://www.healthinfo.gov.bn/entry-payment/#/user/login</u>. Alternatively payment can also be made at the following service counters:

PAYMENT COUNTER	OPERATING HOURS	
Payment Unit (Ground Floor) Ministry of Health Commonwealth Drive	Mon – Thurs	8.00 – 11.00 am 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Bandar Seri Begawan	Saturday	8.00 – 10.00 am
	Fri, Sun & Public Holiday	Closed

Please obtain a 'Government of Brunei Darussalam' or 'Ministry of Health' payment receipt and provide a scanned copy for the traveler to present to authorities when required. Do ensure that the receipt states the name and passport number of the traveler. For inquiries and further information regarding the requirement to make pre-payment for a post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test, sponsors may contact Ministry of Health via e-mail at etp.health@moh.gov.bn

- 17. Approved ETP holders arriving 1 January 2022 onwards must also ensure the following:
 - Obtain travel medical insurance with COVID-19 pandemic protection with a minimum coverage of \$50,000 BND before departing to Brunei Darussalam;
 - Submit an Arrival Health Declaration online with updated COVID-19 test results within 24 hours before departure.
- 18. ETP holders are required to download the BruHealth App prior to departure. Sponsoring agency must also prepare Brunei SIM cards for travelers ahead of their arrival to ensure smooth BruHealth registration upon arrival.
- 19. Upon check-in at the airport / arrival at land border control posts, the Entry Travel Pass holder will be required to present to the airline / border authorities:
 - Valid Entry Travel Pass
 - A negative result slip of a SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours of the date of departure or an exemption letter from Ministry of Health
 - Valid air ticket
 - Travel health insurance with COVID-19 coverage with a minimum coverage of \$50,000 BND (for arrivals 1 January 2022 onwards)
 - Valid proof of payment for post-arrival SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test or an exemption letter from Ministry of Health
 - Proof of installation of BruHealth App on phone
 - Valid visa (for visa-required passport holders).

Failure to do so may result in refusal of boarding / entry.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES AND LOGISTICS

20. Travelers are required to present valid documentation to immigration counter such as:

- A negative result slip of a SARS-CoV-2 RT PCR test taken within 48 hours before departure to Brunei Darussalam and a negative ART result taken within 24 hours before departure.
- Entry Travel Pass
- COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (if traveler has received such vaccination)*
- Valid visa (for visa-required passport holders)

*Refer to APPENDIX II for Vaccinated Traveler Policy

21. The Sponsoring Agency (or sponsoring family member) will ensure that upon arrival, travelers should proceed immediately to the declared accommodation (i.e. private residence, hotel or serviced apartment). Travelers must not leave the declared accommodation during the entire period of self-isolation except to undergo SARS-COV-2 RT PCR test at the designated center.

Under the Infectious Diseases Act (Amendments) Order 2020, any traveler arriving in Brunei Darussalam is required to undergo mandatory self-isolation. Failure to comply to this requirement is an offence under the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 204) and if found guilty, will be liable to a fine for up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for a period of up to 6 months or both.

- 22. The traveler should not take public transport to the selected isolation accommodation.
- 23. Post-arrival health procedures (SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test schedule day and period of isolation notice) will be determined upon arrival. Travelers will be required to undergo an arrival RT-PCR or ART test on arrival. Additional tests may be required depending on the ETP holder's travel history.

Please refer to guidelines regarding latest travel procedures during the Early Endemic Phase via this link: <u>http://pmo.gov.bn/EPG/Perjalanan.aspx</u>

<u>APPENDIX I</u>

Endorsing Authorities

(This list serves only as examples and do not necessarily indicate such fields are deemed as essential business nor guaranteed endorsement. Endorsement requests to government agencies are subject to their respective review and considerations.)

Professional Field	Endorsing Authority / Government Agency	
Financial Institutions	Ministry of Finance and Economy	
Defense	Ministry of Defense	
Oil and Gas	Ministry of Energy	
Healthcare	Ministry of Health	
Education	Ministry of Education	
Agriculture Fisheries	Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism	

<u>APPENDIX II</u>

Vaccinated Traveler Policy Eligibility

Vaccinated travelers may be eligible for shortened quarantine on entry of between 1 – 7 days to Brunei Darussalam provided that they meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Persons who have received a COVID-19 vaccine that has been granted WHO Emergency Use Listing*
- The applicant has a certificate of proof of vaccination issued by a recognized health jurisdiction (preferably digital vaccination record) or the WHO International Certificate of Vaccination (yellow book). Applicants vaccinated in Brunei Darussalam must show proof of vaccination on the BruHealth app.
- The person has completed the full course of vaccination (1 dose for Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 2 doses for all other vaccines).
- For a two-dose regimen, the individual is at least 14 days post-second dose of the vaccine.
- For a one-dose regimen, the individual is at least 28 days post-vaccination.
- A negative SARS-CoV2 RT-PCR test result taken within 48 hours prior to departure.
- A negative SARS-CoV2 RT-PCR test result after arrival.

The quarantine period of between 1 to 7 days will also be determined according to risk categorisation of the originating country of departure as assessed by Ministry of Health.

*As of 15 Oct 2021, WHO approved vaccines include COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Pfizer, Sinopharm, and Sinovac.