

# GUIDELINES FOR CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL THROUGH LAND & SEA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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# **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

 Requirements for cross-border travel through land and sea outlined in this document are effective until 31 July 2022.

### **ESSENTIAL TRAVEL:**

- 2. Cross-border travel through land and sea are only <u>permitted</u> for essential travel as listed below:
  - (a) Brunei Citizens & Permanent residents who will make land & sea travel for essential travel and urgent circumstances.
  - (b) For the purpose of work or school and is also extended to commute travels for the aforementioned purposes.
  - (c) Transit travel.
  - (d) Emergency services (such as ambulances, police and military).
  - (e) Local and foreign-registered transport operators\* for the purpose of essential import and export supply of deliveries.
  - (f) Seafarers/Sea Vessel Crew who will make sea travel for the purpose of work or essential travel.

\*Transport Operators means all persons, including accompanying transport workers, responsible in transporting all goods belonging to companies registered under relevant laws by means of the respective companies' existing registered commercial vehicle(s) suitable for the purpose.

3. **Application for approval** for essential travel must be submitted to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) via travel portal: <a href="www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal">www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal</a>. Please refer to **Section B – Approval & Registration required for land and sea travel**.

# **NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL:**

- 4. Cross-border travel through land and sea for non-essential purpose is **permitted** from 1 August 2022 onwards. Therefore, Entry Travel Pass and Exit Approval will no longer be required for cross-border travel through land and sea from 1 August 2022.
- 5. For entry into Brunei Darussalam via land & sea from 1 August 2022, please refer to latest **Guidelines For Travel Into and Out Of Brunei Darussalam via Air, Land and Sea** on PMO Travel Portal (https://www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal/Home.aspx).

# SECTION A CROSS-BORDER MEASURES FOR LAND & SEA TRAVEL

#### A.1 VACCINATION STATUS:

A.1.1 COVID-19 vaccination status\* is not required for essential travels that have been categorized.

\*Effective 1 August 2022, travellers entering/exiting Brunei Darussalam via land & sea are required to fulfill vaccination requirement. Please refer to latest **Guidelines For Travel Into and Out Of Brunei Darussalam via Air, Land and Sea** on PMO Travel Portal (https://www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal/Home.aspx).

### A.2 PRE-DEPARTURE COVID-19 TEST

A.2.1 **Pre-departure COVID-19 test** for inbound travellers is **no longer required**, regardless of vaccination status.

#### A.3 POST-ARRIVAL COVID-19 TESTS & SELF-ISOLATION

- A.3.1 Post-arrival COVID-19 tests and mandatory self-isolation are **no longer required** for **fully vaccinated individuals**.
- A.3.2 For **unvaccinated travellers**, they are required to:
  - (a) Undergo ART on Day of Arrival (Day 1).
  - (b) Undergo mandatory self-isolation until receipt of negative result for RT-PCR test taken on Day 3. RT-PCR test can be taken at clinic centres that provide RT-PCR swab services, which can be found via link: <a href="https://www.pmo.gov.bn/EPG/Perjalanan.aspx">https://www.pmo.gov.bn/EPG/Perjalanan.aspx</a>
  - (c) Make advanced payment for post-arrival COVID-19 test which cost BND\$100.00. Online payment can be made via website: www.healthinfo.gov.bn/travel
- A.3.3 Post-arrival COVID-19 tests are **not required** for individuals who travel for the purpose of work or school and commute travels for the aforementioned purposes, transit travel and emergency services (such as ambulances, police and military).

#### A.4 TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE WITH COVID-19 COVERAGE

#### A.4.1 FOR INBOUND TRAVEL INTO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

(a) Foreign nationals who will enter Brunei Darussalam for short-visit purpose in which the duration of stay in Brunei Darussalam is less than 90 days are <u>required</u> to obtain <u>Travel</u> <u>Medical Insurance with COVID-19 coverage (minimum coverage of BND\$20,000)</u>. The insurance must be valid for the duration of their stay in Brunei Darussalam.

#### A.4.2 FOR OUTBOUND TRAVEL FROM BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

(a) Brunei Citizens and Permanent Residents who will make outbound travel for short-visit purpose are <u>required</u> to obtain <u>Travel Medical Insurance</u> with <u>COVID-19</u> coverage (<u>minimum coverage of BND\$20,000</u>). The insurance must be valid for the duration of their stay in the foreign country.

#### A.4.3 EXEMPTIONS

- (a) The following travellers are <u>exempted</u> from being required to obtain Travel Medical Insurance with COVID-19 coverage:
  - (i) Brunei Citizens and Permanent Residents returning to Brunei Darussalam.
  - (ii) Foreign nationals who will be entering in Brunei Darussalam for the purpose of longterm visit such as employment, studying or as eligible dependent.
  - (iii) Brunei Citizens and Permanent Residents who are travelling overseas for employment, studies as eligible dependents or hold a long-term visa/immigration pass in the destination country.
  - (iv) Permanent Residents who are traveling to their country of nationality.
  - (v) Civil servants who are travelling for Government-sponsored official travel. Civil servants must show valid supporting document which states that they are on a Government-sponsored official travel.

# A.5 VISA

A.5.1 **Any foreign nationals who are required to obtain Entry Visa** for entry into Brunei Darussalam must first obtain **appropriate Visa** in accordance with prevailing regulations that are enforced such as Employment Visa, Dependent Visa, Social Visit Visa, Professional Visit Visa and Business Visa.

#### A.6 SCHEDULED ART TESTING FOR TRANSPORT OPERATORS

A.6.1 **Transport operators** are <u>no longer required</u> to undergo **scheduled ART testing**. However, they are advised to do their own ART tests from time to time, and if they have symptoms or signs of infection or become a close contact to a positive case.

### A.7 APPROVAL / PERMIT / ENDORSEMENT

A.7.1 Travellers/Transport Operators must first obtain **necessary approval / permit / endorsement from relevant government agencies**. Please check requirements and procedures that are enforced by respective Government agencies.

#### A.8 EXIT AND ENTRY CHARGES (CAJ PERKHIDMATAN (CaP))

A.8.1 Any person who intends to leave or enter Brunei Darussalam through the land control posts (checkpoints) either via vehicle or as a pedestrian will be subjected to 'Caj Perkhidmatan' (CaP) with a charge rate of BND3.00 per person for a one-way trip. Application must be submitted to the Royal Customs and Excise Department through the Exit and Entry System (EES) that can be accessed via <a href="https://login.bdnsw.gov.bn/ees">https://login.bdnsw.gov.bn/ees</a>

# A.9 REQUIREMENTS BY THE DESTINATION COUNTRY

A.9.1 Travellers/Transport Operators are advised to check the requirements and procedures for entry into the destination country.

# SECTION B APPROVAL & REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR LAND & SEA TRAVEL

#### NOTE:

Entry Travel Pass approval or exit approval are only required for essential travel via land & sea before 1 August 2022.

# B.1 <u>"ENTRY TRAVEL PASS" APPROVAL:</u>

B.1.1 Below are list of individuals and categories of travel that <u>require</u> and <u>do not require</u> Entry Travel Pass for entry into Brunei Darussalam.

REQUIRE ENTRY TRAVEL PASS	DO NOT REQUIRE "ENTRY TRAVEL PASS" APPROVAL
Foreign nationals who will enter Brunei Darussalam for the following travel purposes and require visa/immigration pass:	Brunei citizens and permanent residents who will return to Brunei Darussalam.
<ul> <li>Essential business travel (including official travel)</li> <li>For the purpose of work or school and is also extended to commute travels for the aforementioned purposes.</li> <li>Medical treatment</li> <li>Compassionate family circumstances</li> <li>Urgent circumstances</li> </ul>	

# **B.2 E-HEALTH ARRIVAL DECLARATION FORM**

B.2.1 Prior to entry into Brunei Darussalam, **ALL individuals** are required to first complete **E-Health Arrival Declaration Form** via website: <a href="https://www.healthinfo.gov.bn/travel">www.healthinfo.gov.bn/travel</a>

# **B.3 EXIT APPROVAL**

B.3.1 Below are list of individuals and categories of travel that <u>require</u> and <u>do not require</u> Exit approval for outbound travel:

# **REQUIRE EXIT APPROVAL**

# Citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam who will make outbound travel for essential travel and urgent circumstances as listed below:

- Requirement to appear in court abroad for case mentions or trial following a court order overseas for a criminal case, or as a witness (including crimes under the Syariah or Civil Courts) with the endorsement of relevant authorities at home or abroad;
- Requirement for urgent medical treatment abroad with the endorsement of the Ministry of Health of Brunei Darussalam. Those intending to travel for medical purposes at their own cost must obtain an 'Overseas Certificate of Travel for Medical Purposes' issued by a government medical officer at a public health center or hospital;
- For reasons of studying abroad with the endorsement of the relevant parties at home or abroad. Brunei citizens and permanent residents must obtain an endorsement from the Scholarship Management Department, Ministry of Education whether studying on a government scholarship or other sources of funding;
- Bruneian citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam (Yellow, Purple and Green Identity Card holders) residing outside Brunei Darussalam and commuting to work into this country by land OR anyone residing in Brunei Darussalam and commuting to work abroad by land.
- Compassionate family circumstances
- Local-registered Transport operators
- For the purpose of work or school and is also extended to commute travels for the aforementioned purposes
- Transit travel
- Seafarers/Sea Vessel Crew who will make sea travel for the purpose of work or essential travel.

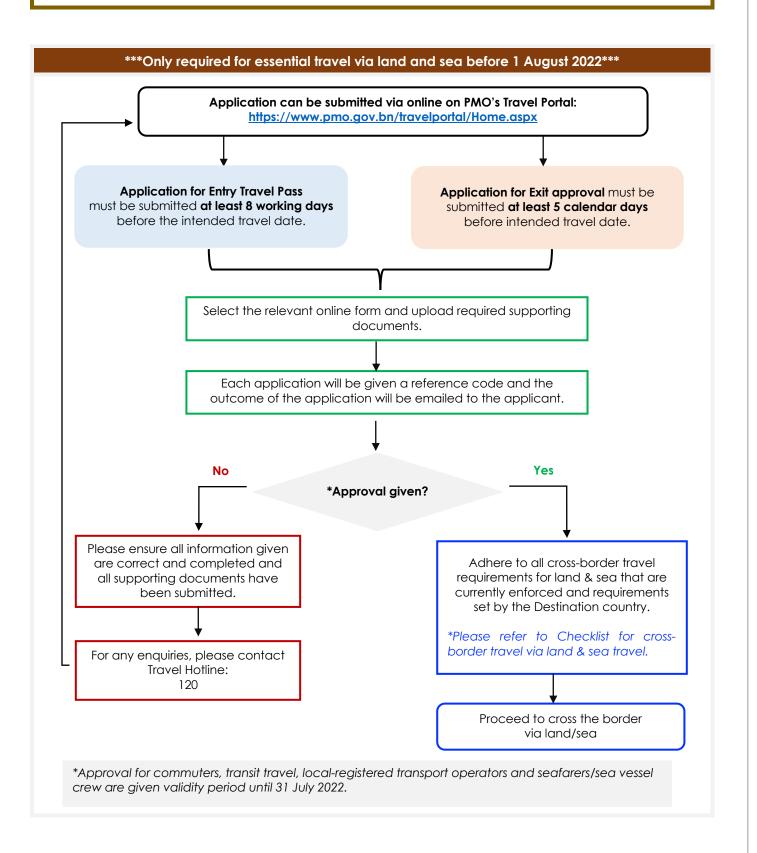
#### DO NOT REQUIRE "EXIT APPROVAL"

- Foreign nationals holding short-term visit visas and not holding a Green Identity Card including Social Visit Pass, Student Visa/Pass, Professional Visit Visa, Business Visit Visa, Special Authorization Work Pass who wish to return to their home country; and
- Foreign nationals returning overseas permanently. A cancellation of the immigration pass issued in the passport must be obtained and presented to border authorities upon departure

#### **B.4. E-REGISTER REGISTRATION**

B.4.1 Prior to outbound travel from Brunei Darussalam, Brunei citizens and permanent residents are required to **complete E-register registration** via online on Ministry of Foreign Affairs website via link: http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/eRegister\_desc.aspx

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL THROUGH LAND & SEA



# **CHECKLIST CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL VIA LAND & SEA**

	REQUIREMENTS		PARAGRAPH	REMARKS
PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	Pre-departure COVID-19 tests	0	A.2.1	Not required
	*Entry Travel Pass Approval *Only required for inbound travel before 1 August 2022	<b>Ø</b>	B.1.1	For foreign nationals or travel categories requiring Entry Travel Pass approval
	Travel Medical Insurance with COVID-19 coverage (Minimum coverage BND\$20,000)	<b>Ø</b>	A.4.1	Required for foreign nationals who will make inbound travel for short-visit purpose
	E-Health Arrival Declaration Form		B.2.1	Complete online form via: www.healthinfo.gov.bn/travel
	Payment for post-arrival COVID-19 tests	•	A.3.2 (c)	Only required for unvaccinated individuals
ARRIVAL	Post-arrival COVID-19 tests	•	А3	Only required for unvaccinated individuals:  • ART test on Day of Arrival
	Mandatory self-isolation	•		<ul> <li>RT-PCR test on Day 3</li> <li>Mandatory self-isolation until receipt of negative result for RT-PCR test</li> </ul>
BEFORE EXITING BRUNEI DAURSSALAM	Exit approval *Only required for outbound travel before 1 August 2022	<b>⊘</b>	В.З.1	For individuals or travel categories requiring Exit approval
	Travel Medical Insurance with COVID-19 coverage (Minimum coverage BND\$20,000)	<b>Ø</b>	A.4.2	Required for Brunei citizens and permanent residents who will make outbound travel for short-visit purpose.
	E-Register Registration	<b>Ø</b>	B.4.1	Online registration via MFA website: http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/eRegister_desc.aspx
	Requirements of Destination Country		A.10	Please check requirements enforced by the destination country
OTHERS	Vaccination Status *Effective 1 August 2022, inbound and outbound travellers are required to fulfill vaccination requirement.	•	<b>A</b> .1	Not required
	Visa / Immigration Pass		A.5	Required for foreign nationalities who require Visa/Immigration Pass
	Scheduled ART testing for Transport Operators	•	A.6	Not required
	Approval / permit / endorsement from relevant Government agencies	<b>Ø</b>	A.8	Please check requirements and procedures enforced by relevant Government agencies
	Exit and Entry Charges (CaP)	<b>Ø</b>	A.9	Application must be submitted via https://login.bdnsw.gov.bn/ees



Not required



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