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EXIT TRAVEL APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR ESSENTIAL TRAVEL **FOR CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM** **VIA LAND OR SEA TRAVEL ONLY** *(UPDATED: 30 MARCH 2022)*

INTRODUCTION

1. This document serves as guidelines for applications to make outbound ESSENTIAL travel for citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam via **LAND** Or **SEA** travel while travel restrictions are in place due to global pandemic.
2. Exit country travel restrictions have been made effective from 16 March 2020 for the following:
 - 2.1 Brunei Darussalam citizens;
 - 2.2 Permanent residents;
 - 2.3 Foreign nationals holding valid immigration passes;
 - 2.4 Spouses and children of 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 who are residing in Brunei Darussalam holding valid immigration passes.
3. These guidelines may be updated from time to time based on continuous review to travel restriction policies. However, applicants are advised to keep updated with travel press releases published on the Prime Minister's Office website www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal



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ASSESSMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

4. Citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam are restricted from making outbound travel via land or sea except for essential travel and urgent circumstances.

A. ESSENTIAL TRAVEL REQUIRING APPROVAL FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE:

- 4.1 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;
- 4.2 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;
- 4.3 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;
- 4.4 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**. Approval will be subject to the following terms:



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- i. Undergo SARS-CoV2 RT-PCR Tests at a cost of BND50 per test every 14 days.

Approval will be granted for a **30-day period only and will need to re-apply if needed**; and

(Please be advised of suspensions to provision 4.4 that are currently enforced)

- 4.5 **Registered businesses and transport operators** travelling for the purposes of **transporting and delivering goods and commodities** shall be granted approval for a **3 month period for point-to-point transportation**, depending on the nature of goods and commodities and subject to health regulations, and **will need to reapply if needed** as outlined in the “**Guidelines for Transport Operators Exiting Brunei Darussalam During the COVID-19 Situation**” which can be found on the Prime Minister’s Office website. Transport Operator personnel are required to have completed COVID-19 vaccination and undergo SARS-CoV2 RT-PCR swab tests every 14 days.
- 4.6 **Foreign nationals on employment pass traveling on contract home passage** of whom the applications must be submitted by the Human Resources Department of their employing organisation or their employer. Applicant’s COVID-19 vaccination record and an employer support letter must be attached with the application.
- 4.7 Individuals traveling due to **compassionate family circumstances** must provide sufficient support documents with their application to verify the urgent nature of such travel.



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B. DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

- 4.8 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
- 4.9 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. For information on obtaining a pass cancellation please contact the Department of Immigration and National Registration, Ministry of Home Affairs or visit their website at www.immigration.gov.bn
5. As of 1 January 2022, it is mandatory for individuals aged 18 and above to complete vaccination within 3 months before date of travel or has obtained a booster dose, with the exception of individuals who have a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 infection. In addition, citizens and permanent residents traveling for a period less than 90 days are required to obtain travel insurance with COVID-19 coverage with a minimum coverage amount of BND\$50,000, with the exception of permanent residents traveling to the country of their nationality.
6. In assessing Exit Travel applications for essential travel, the Prime Minister's Office may refer to relevant agencies for their views and endorsement where necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

7. Citizens and residents who wish to exit the country shall submit their applications online at:



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<https://www.form.gov.bn/TravelApplicationA/Pages/Travel-Application-Form.aspx>. The applicant shall select the relevant online form and upload required supporting documents.

8. Each application will be given a reference code and the outcome of the application will be emailed to the applicant.
9. The applicant may check the status of their application and make necessary amendments if required (for example change of date of travel of an application that has already been approved or is still pending approval) via: <https://www.form.gov.bn/TravelApplicationA/Pages/Travel-Application-Status.aspx> by entering their reference number.
10. Complete applications should be done online at least **five (5) calendar days** before the intended date of travel.

FOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES IN STATUTORY BOARDS

11. For civil servants, employees of Statutory Bodies and Royal Brunei Armed Forces applications must first be assessed by the respective Permanent Secretary of the Ministry or Commander or Head of Agency (for Statutory Boards) or Vice Chancellor / Rector / Ra'es (for higher education institutes personnel) with their endorsement before being forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office for approval.

FOR TRANSPORT OPERATORS REGISTERED IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

12. Only Registered transport Operators transporting all goods belonging to companies or individuals, by means of the respective companies' existing registered commercial



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vehicle(s) suitable for the purpose, may submit application for exit country to the Prime Minister's Office for approval.

13. Transport Operators registered in Brunei Darussalam must adhere to the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health and other relevant authorities as well as those outlined in the "Guidelines for Transport Operators Exiting Brunei Darussalam During the COVID-19 Situation" available via the link: <http://www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal>

UPON OBTAINING APPROVAL

14. Upon obtaining approval and traveling out of Brunei, Bruneian citizens and permanent residents are required to e-register at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website via the link: http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/eRegister_desc.aspx
15. Exit Travel approval holders are advised to check the requirements and procedures for entry into the respective destination countries such as pre-departure and arrival COVID-19 tests and vaccination requirements.

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