## Before you fly

In response to COVID-19, we have implemented a number of measures to safeguard the wellbeing of our passengers and crew. While the risk of transmission from one passenger to another onboard remains very low, we’re introducing additional requirements for added protection. Please visit our [COVID-19 information centre](https://www.cathaypacific.com/cx/ru_RU/covid-19/face-mask-requirement.html) to learn more.

## Government travel restrictions

The Hong Kong SAR government has implemented the following travel restrictions for passengers arriving in and transiting through Hong Kong.

## Transiting through Hong Kong

Transit requirements

Passengers will be able to transit through Hong Kong if:

* Their itinerary is contained in a single booking;
* They meet the entry requirements of their final destination;
* They have their baggage checked through to the final destination;
* They have been issued their onward boarding pass(es) from their origin; and
* The connection time between flights is within 24 hours.

Transit restrictions

* 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
* Hong Kong International Airport Skypier Sea-to-Air ferry service (Greater Bay Area to Hong Kong) will gradually resume from 28 October 2020, but Air-to-Sea ferry service will remain suspended

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## Entering Hong Kong

### Mandatory COVID-19 testing

* All passengers arriving into Hong Kong will be required to undergo a medical test for COVID-19 prior to clearing immigration and baggage collection
* The test, which involves providing a saliva sample, will be conducted by medical professionals at the Department of Health Temporary Specimen Collection Centre at Midfield Concourse. Passengers will receive directions and assistance after disembarking the aircraft.   All passengers will be required to wait for their test results.  Visit [Arrival in Hong KongОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.cathaypacific.com/cx/en_HK/covid-19/arriving-in-hkg.html) for more information

### Immigration and quarantine requirements

Entry restrictions

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

* Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card or Hong Kong 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 of abode in Hong Kong)
* Hong Kong Document of Identity
* Non-Hong Kong residents will be denied entry into Hong Kong

Entry restriction exemptions

The following passengers are exempt from the 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 one of the exemption categories above must still possess a travel document that would allow them to stay in Hong Kong for a minimum of 14 days, in order to meet the compulsory quarantine requirements.  Otherwise entry will be refused.

Quarantine measures

The latest compulsory quarantine requirements for all passengers can be found on the Hong Kong SAR Government’s [COVID-19 website.Открыть в новом окне](https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

### Additional requirements

Passengers who are ending their journey in Hong Kong and have visited or transited through Bangladesh, Belgium (effective 3 November 2020, 0:00 Hong Kong time), Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States in the 14 days prior to arriving will be required to show the following documents.

1.  Test report

A test report issued by a laboratory or healthcare institution that contains the passenger’s name identical to that in his/her valid travel document to show that:

* they have undertaken a nucleic acid test for COVID-19;
* the sample for the test was taken within 72 hours of the scheduled time of departure of the flight to Hong Kong; and
* the result of the test for COVID-19 was negative

The test report must be written in either English or Chinese and can be presented in paper or electronic format If the test report above is not in English or Chinese or does not contain all the above mentioned information, it is acceptable to present a written confirmation, in English or Chinese, issued by the laboratory or healthcare institution that contains the following information:

* the name of the passenger  (this must be identical to the name in his/her valid travel document);
* they underwent a nucleic acid test for COVID-19,
* the sample for the test was taken within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the flight to Hong Kong; and
* the result of the test for COVID-19 was negative.

This written confirmation must be presented with the test report.

For passengers travelling from the United Kingdom

* the NHS (National Health Service) test report does not meet the Hong Kong entry requirements and will not be accepted

Please note that if there is a schedule change or flight cancellation, passengers are responsible for ensuring that their COVID-19 test meets the 72-hour requirement based on the new flight departure time.

2. Documentary proof

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.

This can be in the form of a copy of ‘Certificate of Accreditation’, ‘Certificate of Compliance’, or information printed out from an official government website.
Please note that documentary proof is required even if the test report from the laboratory or healthcare institution contains an ISO accreditation reference.

Passengers in the countries below may find the following websites of assistance:

* Belgium: - [BELACОткрыть в новом окне](https://economie.fgov.be/en/themes/quality-and-safety/accreditation-belac/accredited-bodies/medical-testing-laboratories%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) / [Consulate General of Belgium in Hong KongОткрыть в новом окне](https://hongkongmacau.diplomatie.belgium.be/en/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov)
* India: [Indian Council of Medical ResearchОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.icmr.gov.in/arcctestlab.html)
* Pakistan: [Pakistan National Accreditation Council – Ministry of Science and TechnologyОткрыть в новом окне](http://www.pnac.gov.pk/MedicalLabs)
* The Philippines: [https://hfsrb.doh.gov.ph/?page\_id=1729Открыть в новом окне](https://hfsrb.doh.gov.ph/?page_id=1729" \t "_blank)
* South Africa: [South African National Accreditation SystemОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.sanas.co.za/Pages/index.aspx)
* United Kingdom: [United Kingdom Accreditation ServiceОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.ukas.com/search-accredited-organisations/)
* United States: [Centres for Medicare & Medicaid ServicesОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/index%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
* Ethiopia : [Ethiopian National Accreditation Office list of accredited Medical Laboratories:Открыть в новом окне](https://enao-eth.org/index.php/directory-of-accredited-facilities/)
* France:  [CofracОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.cofrac.fr/en/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) / [Sante, FranceОткрыть в новом окне](https://sante.fr/recherche/trouver/DepistageCovid%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) / [Ministry of Solidarity and HealthОткрыть в новом окне](https://solidarites-sante.gouv.fr/) / [Consulate General of France in Hong KongОткрыть в новом окне](https://hongkong.consulfrance.org/-Information-Coronavirus-Covid-19-961-)
* Russia: [RospotrebnadzorОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.rospotrebnadzor.ru/region/korono_virus/perechen_lab.php%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

3. Hotel reservation confirmation

A confirmation of a hotel room reservation in Hong Kong for no less than 14 days starting on the day of your arrival in Hong Kong.

Please note:

* This confirmation can be either printed or shown in a digital format and must be written in English or Chinese.
* Accommodation is required for all passengers coming from these countries/regions.  Passengers who have a home or residential address in Hong Kong are also required to undergo a 14-days of quarantine at a hotel.
* The booking must be with a hotel.  Hostels and short term rental accommodation (e.g. Airbnb) will not be permitted by the Hong Kong SAR Government.

To meet these new requirements, all passengers will be asked the following upon check-in:

* To complete and sign a declaration regarding your travel history over the past 14 days. We will ask if you have visited or transited through Bangladesh, Belgium (effective 3 November 2020, 0:00 Hong Kong time), Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States. If you answer yes, you will be required to show us the documentation mentioned above.
* To demonstrate to us that you have completed the Hong Kong Department of Health [online health declaration formОткрыть в новом окне](https://www.chp.gov.hk/hdf/) by showing us the resulting QR code. This can be in a printed or digital format.

Passengers who are unable to meet these requirements will not be accepted for travel.