

「Revision to Cambodia’s Entry Requirement During Covid-19」

Due to the recent increase in Covid-19 cases in Cambodia and to curb the spread of Covid-19, Cambodia’s Ministry of Health (MOH) announced the following measures for entry into Cambodia, effective from 12 December 2020.

- a) Temporary suspension of Sponsorship Mechanism for short-term travellers to Cambodia.
- b) All travellers to Cambodia, as per below, will be subjected to 14-day compulsory quarantine upon arrival.

1. All foreign business travellers

2. Cambodian nationals, who hold a Cambodian passport or a foreign passport

- c) To facilitate faster tracing of individuals who have been in contact with Covid-19 patients, details of travellers who are tested positive for Covid-19 will be immediately made known on MOH website or social media site.

1. All foreign business travellers

Before Departure to Cambodia

The following documents are required:

- a) Valid business visa issued by the Cambodia embassy/Honorary Consulates
- b) Covid-19 testing certificate (in English), indicating negative result and issued within 72 hours prior to departure.
※For more specific requirement on testing certificate, please refer to ANNEX
- c) Covid-19 Insurance
 - Travellers are required to have Covid-19 insurance, which can be purchased from FORTE Insurance company. (USD90, with validity of 20 days, <https://www.forteinsurance.com/covid-19-insurance/>)

After Arrival in Cambodia

- a) A valid business visa, Covid-19 test certificate (indicating negative result and issued within 72 hours prior to departure) and Covid-19 insurance must be produced at immigration in Cambodia.
- b) A deposit of USD2,000 is required. The deposit will be used to cover the 14-day hotel quarantine expenses (USD60~75 per night), PCR testing fee, transportation from airport to hotel, and medical treatment fee ([see here](#)) in the event if travellers is infected with Covid-19. (Deposit balance, if have, will be returned to traveller within 3 days after the end of quarantine period).
- c) Once documents are confirmed, travellers will need to undergo PCR testing. After the test, travellers will be escorted to MOH's designated hotel and proceed with 14-day compulsory quarantine.
- d) Travellers must undergo second PCR testing on the 13th day of quarantine period. (However, if there is suspected case of Covid-19 infection during quarantine period, additional PCR testing will be imposed if required).

2. Cambodian nationals, who hold a Cambodian passport or a foreign passport

Before Departure to Cambodia

The following documents are required:

- a) Valid Khmer "K" visa issued by the Cambodia embassy
 - ※For Cambodian nationals who are holders of a foreign passport only

- b) Covid-19 testing certificate (in English), indicating negative result and issued within 72 hours prior to departure.
 - ※For Cambodian nationals who are holders of a foreign passport only
 - ※For more specific requirement on testing certificate, please refer to ANNEX

After Arrival in Cambodia

- a) Deposit and insurance purchase are not required.

- b) A valid visa and Covid-19 test certificate (indicating negative result and issued within 72 hours prior to departure) must be produced at immigration in Cambodia.
 - ※For Cambodian nationals who are holders of a foreign passport only

- c) Once documents are confirmed, Cambodian nationals will need to undergo PCR testing. After the test, Cambodian nationals will be escorted to MOH's designated quarantine facility and proceed with 14-day compulsory quarantine. Quarantine expenses at designated facility are waived for Cambodian nationals by MOH.

- d) For Cambodian nationals who request to stay at hotel for quarantine, hotel stay costs and other expenses will be borne by the individual.

- e) Cambodian nationals must undergo second PCR testing on the 13th day of quarantine period. (However, if there is suspected case of Covid-19 infection during quarantine period, additional PCR testing will be imposed if required).

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	General foreign business travellers (stay of more than 14 days)	Cambodian nationals with Cambodian passport or foreign passport
Validation Certificate on Payment Guarantee	×	×
Covid-19 Negative Test Certificate (issued within 72 hours prior to departure)	○	○
Valid Visa	○ ※Business visa only	○ ※Cambodian nationals with a foreign passport only
Covid-19 FORTE Insurance (USD90)	○	×
Deposit (USD2,000)	○	×
Special Priority Lane Use	×	×
PCR Testing After Arrival	○	○
14-day Compulsory Quarantine + 13th day PCR test	○	○

ANNEX

A) Pre-flight Covid-19 Test/Medical Certificate

1. All business travellers (and K-visa holders) must take pre-flight Covid-19 test and have medical certificate indicating negative result.
2. Pre-flight Covid-19 test must be done via nasal swab, not saliva testing.
3. Medical certificate must be issued within 72 hours prior to departure, not arrival. And it is 72 hours from time of test result issued, not time of test administered. Therefore, if your flight is on Monday morning, 11.00am, your test result must be issued on Friday morning, from 11.00am and above. Bonus point if you can get your test result issued within 24~48 hours, just in case your flight got delayed suddenly.
4. Medical certificate to be computer-printed if possible, but doctor's signature and stamp must be hand-signed. We heard that hand-written medical certificates are not being accepted, and you may be rejected for plane boarding or deported on arrival.
5. Request your doctor to sign in blue ink if possible, to avoid looking like it's printed signature.
6. Medical certificate must be in English and must indicate "NASAL SWAB" and "NEGATIVE". Statement like "No Covid-19" is not accepted.
 - Inform and request your doctor on all the above before taking the PCR test.
 - Prepare a few copies of medical certificate for submission to airlines, immigration etc., where required.

B) Covid-19 Insurance

1. Pre-flight insurance purchase for Covid-19 is required for all Foreign Business Travellers.
2. Purchase from Forte Insurance company is highly recommended (online purchase via credit card).
3. Print and prepare a few copies of insurance document for submission to airlines, immigration etc., where required.

C) USD2,000 Deposit

1. Deposit of USD2,000 is required for all Foreign Business Travellers, after arrival in Cambodia.
2. Deposit can be paid via cash or credit card. However, cash payment is highly recommended in case your credit card cannot be read by the ATMs at the airport or if machine is down. Or standby some cash just in case.
3. Note that some banks may charge an admin fee of USD30.
4. After paying the deposit, a receipt will be given. Keep the receipt safe with you at all times because you need it to get your deposit back.

D) After-Arrival PCR Testing and Mandatory Quarantine

1. All business travellers must undergo PCR testing after arrival in Cambodia.
2. For all foreign business travellers, they are to wait at MOH's designated hotel for PCR test result.
 - Regardless if travellers are tested negative or positive, they will be subjected to 14-day compulsory quarantine, and second PCR testing on the 13th day of quarantine.

Summary

The revision this time has brought about a significant number of changes to the entry requirement for Cambodia. Please always check for the latest updates with embassy/honorary consulates, as well as the airline company you are using, once more before departure.

After confirmation, please prepare the necessary documents accordingly. We also recommend to have a copy of official statements on Covid-19 requirements released by Cambodia's MFAIC (Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation), Ministry of Health, or SSCA (State Secretariat of Civil Aviation) to show as proof and for explanation to airlines or immigration etc. if required.

Once again, we urge everyone to be **Socially Responsible** – Wear Mask, Social Distance, and Stay Home if you are required to.

Website Link(s):

1. 在日本カンボジア王国大使館 Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Japan
http://www.cambodianembassy.jp/web2/?page_id=4377&lang=en
2. カンボジア外務省 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia
<https://www.mfaic.gov.kh/covid-19>
3. 在カンボジア日本国大使館 Embassy of Japan in Cambodia
https://www.kh.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/b_000197.html