

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

In the purpose to strengthen and carry out more effective measures to curb the spread of Covid-19, and to facilitate entry into Cambodia for all travellers, the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has decided to make revision to some of the entry requirements and the implementation of the Sponsorship Mechanism, as announced by Cambodia’s Ministry of Health (MOH). The revision will go into effect from 18 November 2020.

As part of the revision, travellers to Cambodia has been separated into the following four categories:

- 1. Foreign business travellers (e.g. investors, business personnel, company employees, specialists, technical experts), who have sponsorship from business entities in Cambodia, and who are from China, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, United States and the European Union (with stay of 14 days or less)**
- 2. General foreign business travellers (※)**
- 3. Foreign travellers, who hold a Diplomatic “A” visa or Official “B” visa**
- 4. Cambodian nationals, who hold a Cambodian passport or a foreign passport**

※Including foreign business travellers with planned stay of more than 14 days

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Before Departure to Cambodia

The following documents are required:

- a) **Validation Certificate** on Payment Guarantee issued by RGC
 - In order to receive this letter, a guarantee from the CEO, president or a shareholder of the business entity in Cambodia is required.
 - The business entity in Cambodia must apply for sponsorship for the foreign business traveller from any of the websites below:
 - RGC (www.registrationservices.gov.kh)
 - Council for the Development of Cambodia (www.cambodiainvestment.gov.kh)
 - MOH (www.cdcmoh.gov.kh)
 - **During application, the following criteria must be fulfilled:**
 - i) **Planned stay of 14 days or less**
 - ii) **Must be foreign nationals from China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, United States and E.U.**
 - iii) **Submit a 14-day detailed schedule (with purpose and place of stay) of the foreign business traveller.**
 - It takes around 1-2 days for approval after application.
 - Once application is approved, a Validation Certificate with 30-day validity will be issued.
 - Submission of the Validation Certificate at the Cambodia Embassy/Honorary Consulates when applying for visa, as well as during immigration in Cambodia after arrival is required.
- b) Valid **business visa** issued by the Cambodia embassy/Honorary Consulates
- c) **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

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 Validation Certificate + 14-day Activity Schedule must be produced at immigration in Cambodia.
- b) Deposit and insurance purchase are not required.
- c) Once documents are confirmed, travellers may use the Special Priority Lane to undergo PCR testing. After the test, travellers will be escorted to MOH's designated hotel, and await the test result which may takes 2-3 days.
- d) Travellers who are tested negative **AND** with no other same flight passengers tested negative, they are allowed to leave the hotel and proceed with their business activities as per the 14-day schedule submitted.
- e) Travellers who are tested positive, **OR** have same flight passengers tested positive, they will be subjected to a 14-day mandatory quarantine, and undergo a second PCR test 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).
- f) For travellers who need to undergo a 14-day mandatory quarantine, the sponsor company must bear all expenses as per below:
 - Before the traveller's 7th day of stay, pay in full to the hotel for the 14-day accommodation expenses as per invoice.
 - Pay the cost for the 13th day PCR testing to MOH.
- g) In the event if the traveller is infected with Covid-19 during his/her stay in Cambodia, the sponsor company is responsible for all medical treatment expenses until the traveller has recovered.
- h) The sponsor company must abide to the laws of RGC and co-operate with MOH in facilitating the traveller's stay in Cambodia. The sponsor company will also need to ensure the traveller abides to the activities as per his/her 14-day schedule.

2. General foreign business travellers

※Including foreign business travellers with planned stay of more than 14 days

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).

3. Foreign travellers, who hold a Diplomatic “A” visa or Official “B” visa

Before Departure to Cambodia

The following documents are required:

- a) Valid Diplomatic “A” or Official “B” visa issued by the Cambodia embassy/Honorary Consulates
※For non-Diplomatic or Official passport holders only
- 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

After Arrival in Cambodia

- a) A valid visa (※For non-Diplomatic or Official passport holders only) and Covid-19 test certificate (indicating negative result and issued within 72 hours prior to departure) must be produced at immigration in Cambodia.
- b) Once documents are confirmed, travellers will need to undergo PCR testing. After the test, travellers will be escorted to MOH’s designated hotel and await the test result which may takes 2-3 days.

For more details, please check [here](#).

4. 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).

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Foreign business travellers under Sponsorship (stay of 14 days or less)	General foreign business travellers (stay of more than 14 days)	Foreign travellers with Diplomatic or Official visa	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	○ ※Business visa only	○ ※Non-Diplomatic or Official passport holders only	○ ※Cambodian nationals with a foreign passport only
Covid-19 FORTE Insurance (USD90)	×	○	×	×
Deposit (USD2,000)	×	○	×	×
Special Priority Lane Use	○	×	×	×
PCR Testing After Arrival	○	○	○	○
(Tested negative <u>&</u> with flight passengers tested negative): 14-day Compulsory Quarantine + 13 th day PCR test	×	○	TBA	○
(Tested positive, <u>OR</u> have same flight passenger tested positive): 14-day compulsory quarantine + 13 th 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) Validation Certificate of Guarantee Payment & 14-Day Activity Schedule

1. Applies to foreign business travellers with sponsorship (stay of 14 days or less) from business entity in Cambodia **only**.
2. Print and prepare a few copies of Validation Certificate and 14-day Activity Schedule for submission to airlines, immigration etc., where required.

C) Covid-19 Insurance

1. Pre-flight insurance purchase for Covid-19 is required for General Foreign Business Travellers **only**.
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.

D) USD2,000 Deposit

1. Deposit of USD2,000 is required for General Foreign Business Travellers **only**, 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.

E) After-Arrival PCR Testing and Mandatory Quarantine

1. All business travellers must undergo PCR testing after arrival in Cambodia.
2. For foreign business travellers who are sponsored, they are to wait at MOH's designated hotel for PCR test result.
 - Travellers who are tested negative, **AND** who have no passengers on same flight tested positive, will not be subjected to 14-day compulsory quarantine and second PCR test on the 13th day of stay. However, they are to adhere to their 14-day activity schedule submitted and carry out self-quarantine where required.
 - Travellers who are tested positive, **OR** who have passengers on same flight tested positive, will be subjected to 14-day compulsory quarantine and second PCR test on the 13th day of quarantine.
3. For general 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.
4. For business travellers who intend to depart Cambodia within 14 days of their stay or quarantine period, it is advisable to contact and inform MOH soonest after arrival in Cambodia to inform on departure plan. Please adhere to MOH's instructions accordingly on departure procedures.

Summary

The revision this time has brought about a significant number of changes to the entry requirement for Cambodia. We ask for all travellers to check and be aware of the category they are under, and 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.

In any case, always check for the latest updates with embassy/honorary consulates, as well as the airline company you are using, once more before departure.

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