






CORONAVIRUS: ENTRY RESTRICTIONS UPDATE ASIA-PACIFIC




In light of the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the INS Global team are pleased to provide you with this update on entry restrictions in APAC countries for foreign nationals.

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Area	Entry restrictions	Work Permit / Visa Residence Application	Last update
China PRC 	<p><u>The following persons are permitted entry to China:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplomatic passport • Professional with the PU Invitation Letter • Professional with valid Resident Permit, from the following countries, can request a free new visa at the Chinese Embassy of their respective countries (List based on the official notice published by each Chinese Embassy): Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain 	<p><u>Procedures are back to normal.</u> Therefore, the following cases are possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification Letter - First Application for Work Permit with Professional outside PRC • First Application for Work Permit and Resident Permit for Professional already in PRC, with a valid visa (other than Z type) • Work Permit transfer, for Professional already in PRC with a valid WP and RP 	August 11 2020
Taiwan ROC 	<p><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Taiwan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any holder of valid ARC (Alien Resident Certificate) • Non-ARC holder visitors approved by Ministry of Foreign Affairs/MFA to enter (excluding tourism or regular social visits) • Non-ARC visitors (family included) approved by Ministry of Health and Welfare/MHW to receive local medical care • Students approved by Ministry of Education/ME 	<p><u>Processes are in normal delay.</u> Therefore the following cases are possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Permit Approval - First Application for Work Permit with Professional outside ROC Taiwan or without a valid visa (e.g. currently in Taiwan on COVID-19 special extension) • First Application for Work Permit and ARC for Professional already in ROC Taiwan, with a valid visa (other than Work Visa) • Work Permit / ARC transfer, for Professional already in ROC Taiwan with a valid WP and ARC 	August 1 2020

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Singapore 	<p><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Singapore:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holder of Permanent Residence Permit • Long-term pass holders (Student, Dependent, Long-Term visit, Work) upon receiving approval letter for entry from relevant government agency. 	Still awaiting further information	August 13 2020
South Korea 	<p><u>The following persons are permitted entry to South Korea (If they are not from countries considered as high risk):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplomats (A-1 visa) or Government Officials (A-2 / A-3 visa) • Overseas Koreans (F-4 Visa) • Long-term visa and short-term employment (C-4 visa)(shall apply for re-entry authorization before leaving the country) 	<p><u>Processes are slightly longer than normal time.</u> The following cases are possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign national is currently outside South Korea and applying for a Work Visa • Foreign national is currently in South Korea and with a valid visa related to short-term or long-term employment 	August 12 2020
Thailand 	<p><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Thailand:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse, parents, or children of a Thai National • Holder of a valid certificate of permanent residency • Work Permit holder including spouse and/or children • Students of educational institutions approved by Thai authorities only • Foreigner in need of medical treatment • Person invited/permitted by the Prime Minister • Diplomatic passport / on consular missions 	<p><u>Processes timeline slightly delayed.</u> The following case is possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign national currently inside Thailand and with a valid visa 	August 13 2020

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Vietnam 	<p><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Vietnam:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investors • Experts already holding a valid Work Permit • Professional who come to work in Vietnam under Official Invitation Letter 	<p><u>Normal Processes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional currently in Vietnam with a valid Work Permit • Professional currently in Vietnam with a valid visa, other than Work Permit <p><u>Our current special procedure:</u> If a Professional is currently outside Vietnam and coming in under Invitation Letter / Business Visa, it needs to be changed to a Work Permit after 14-days quarantine.</p>	August 12 2020



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