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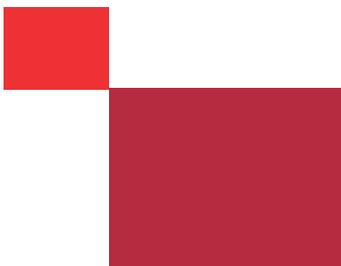
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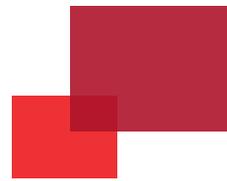
Quarantine requirements for international travellers

As of 23 March 2020, there is no travel ban for international travellers entering China. The Chinese central and local government authorities have imposed health status report and quarantine requirements for all travellers. These requirements apply to all Chinese citizens, residents of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan ("**HMT residents**") and foreign nationals.

All individuals entering China must report their travel/residence history and health status at the entry ports. The quarantine requirements for a few main provinces and cities are as follows:

- **Beijing, Tianjin and Hubei Province** - Individuals entering from any overseas countries or regions will be sent for centralized medical observation for 14 days upon entry. Effective 23 March 2020, all international flights with destination to Beijing must enter China from 12 designated entry ports. All passengers are required to complete entry formalities and custom clearance for luggage through the designated entry ports. Qualified passengers can then take the original flight to Beijing.
- **Guangdong Province** - Effective 19 March 2020, individuals entering from any overseas countries or regions (including transit through Hong Kong and Macao airports), or from other provinces and cities in China but has travelled to or resided in the 19 listed countries (Korea, Italy, Iran, Japan, Germany, France, USA, Spain, UK, Thailand, the Philippines, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Norway, Netherland, Demark, Austria, and Malaysia) within 14 days before entering, will be required to self-quarantine at home or hotel, or sent for centralized medical observation for 14 days upon entry.
- **Jiangsu Province** - Effective 20 March 2020, individuals who have travelled to or resided in the 24 listed countries (Korea, Japan, Iran, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, USA, UK, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Norway, Netherland, Demark, and Austria, Australia, Malaysia, Greece, Czech, Finland, Qatar, Canada, and Saudi Arabia) within 14 days before entering will be sent for centralized medical observation for 14 days upon entry.
- **Shanghai** - Effective 23 March 2020, individuals who have travelled to or resided in the 24 listed countries (Korea, Italy, Iran, the Philippines, France, Spain, Germany, USA, UK, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Norway, Netherland, Demark, Austria, Australia, Malaysia, Greece, Czech, Finland, Qatar, Canada and Saudi Arabia) will be required to self-quarantine at home or hotel, or sent for centralized medical observation for 14 days upon entry.
- **Zhejiang Province** - Effective 12 March 2020, individuals coming from Korea, Italy, Iran and Japan or who have travelled to or resided in the aforementioned 4 countries within 14 days before entering will be sent for centralized medical observation for 14 days upon entry. Individuals





coming from the 21 listed countries and regions (France, Germany, Spain, Singapore, USA, Kuwait, Bahrain, Thailand, UK, Australia, Switzerland, Malaysia, Norway, Canada, Iraq, UAE, Vietnam, Austria, Sweden, Hong Kong SAR, and Taiwan) will be required to self-quarantine at home or hotel for 14 days upon entry.

Individuals who are not covered by mandatory self-quarantine or centralized medical observation requirements are still recommended to be self-quarantined for 14 days at home upon entry to China. Those who try to conceal illness, falsely report personal information or who are uncooperative with epidemic prevention and cause the spread of coronavirus will be investigated and imposed with penalties (including an adverse record in the credit system) in accordance with Chinese laws and regulations.

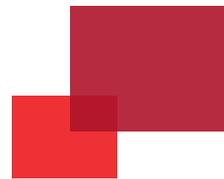
The quarantine requirements may vary in different locations and will be reviewed regularly often without advance notice by relevant government authorities. It is recommended that individuals and companies check the entry and quarantine requirements with the relevant entry ports before travelling or sending employees to China.

Immigration Measures for Foreign Nationals

The National Immigration Administration (NIA) and local labour and immigration authorities in China have been implementing temporary immigration measures for foreigner's travel, work and stay in China during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Visas & Residence Permits

- The local Public Security Bureaus (PSB) have resumed normal business for all applications. Foreigners who have completed quarantine requirements may visit relevant PSBs as usual for visa and residence permit applications. Emergency applications are available for special and urgent cases upon assessment and approval will be granted by the official on a case-by-case basis.
- Certain foreign nationals such as those who are physically in China for entrepreneurship or researches for epidemic prevention and control are granted a two-month grace period for visa renewal. Those individuals' visas or residence permits will be automatically extended for two months upon expiry without submitting renewal applications.
- Foreign nationals whose Chinese visas or residence permits expire while being outside of China should apply for new Chinese visas to travel to China.
- Visa-on-arrival will be available to certain foreign nationals who are travelling to China for epidemic prevention activities or for important business and scientific research tasks but unable to obtain relevant Chinese visas in time; the foreign national's partner or inviter in China has to report to the entry boarder before the scheduled arrival.



Work Permits

- Foreign nationals who have obtained Work Permit Notification Letter and applied for work visa (Z-visa) but are unable to travel to China within the validation period of the Z-visa due to the COVID-19 outbreak may apply for other entry visas (such as a M business visa) to enter China on a later date and proceed with the post-arrival work permit applications.
- Work permit renewal applications may be submitted any time from 90 days prior to the expiration date until the expiry date of the existing work permit. Previously, it can only be submitted 30 days before the expiry date at the latest.
- The local labour authorities has implemented convenient measures for work permit renewal and de-registration applications. For example, in Beijing and Shanghai, the work permit renewal and de-registration applications can be completed purely via submitting colour scanned applicant documents to the on-line system and without on-site submission of original documents.
- Original application documents are still subject to on-site submission and review by the labour authorities for initial work permit applications or change of employer applications if a foreigner changes employer domestically within China.

These temporary immigration measures are subject to review and change without advance notice.

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