

CAAS Circular 21/2022

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COVID-19 – PRE-FLIGHT MEASURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS TO SINGAPORE

This Circular informs air operators of the further requirements specified by the Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) pursuant to the CAAS Directive No. 5/2022 (“the Directive”), which comes into effect on 26 April 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time).

2 Under the Vaccinated Travel Framework, all fully vaccinated travellers¹ whose travel history², in the last 7 consecutive days prior to departure for Singapore, does not include travel to any country or region classified by the Singapore Ministry of Health as a Restricted Category³ country or region, may enter Singapore quarantine-free, via any flight. Subject to entry approval requirements in paragraph 9 below, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travellers and travellers with travel history to a Restricted Category country or region will be served a Stay-Home Notice (SHN) and must quarantine at a declared place of accommodation. Every flight into Singapore may carry vaccinated and unvaccinated passengers.

Singapore Arrival Card (SGAC)

3 It is mandatory for all passengers seeking to enter Singapore to submit their SGAC within 3 days before arrival in Singapore. Air operators should advise each passenger to show his or her SGAC acknowledgement email at check-in, as it indicates the documents that air operators must check to allow boarding. For instance, there is no need for air operators to check for a proof of vaccination or entry approval if these have been pre-verified on the SGAC submission.

4 If passengers have not submitted their SGAC, air operators should advise them to do so via <https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/sgarrivalcard>. In the event that the passenger is unable to submit their SGAC, air operators will have to perform manual checks on all required documents to ensure that the passengers meet Singapore’s requirements under the Vaccinated Travel Framework.

¹ This refers to a passenger who is fully vaccinated in accordance with the criteria specified on the website of the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority at <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/overview#vaccination>.

² Travel history does not include countries/regions where the traveller transited within 24 hours en-route to Singapore.

³ As of 22 April 2022, there are no countries/regions in the Restricted Category.

5 The requirement for air operators to conduct a basic health assessment on passengers at airline check-in has been removed. Nonetheless, air operators should determine whether to accept a passenger for boarding, who appears to have symptoms of or have a communicable disease or any other condition, which could pose a direct threat to the health or safety of other persons, in accordance with their standard operating procedures.

Vaccination Requirements

6 A traveller must have completed his or her COVID-19 vaccination with a vaccine listed in the [World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing \(WHO-EUL\)](#) at least 14 days before entering Singapore.

7 Pursuant to paragraph 4(1)(a) of the Directive, the DGCA has specified that any of the following is proof that a traveller has been fully vaccinated:

- (a) an acceptance letter issued by the Safe Travel Office (STO) confirming that the traveller's vaccination certificate has been verified using the Vaccination Check Portal (see **Annex A** for sample);
- (b) an electronic or physical copy of a vaccination certificate, which must be in the English language or translated into English by a translation service provider, notary public, or embassy of the country or region that issued the document, and which states all of the following:
 - (i) traveller's name as stated on the passport;
 - (ii) at least 1 other personal identifier (e.g. date of birth or passport number), corresponding exactly with the information in the traveller's passport used for entry into Singapore;
 - (iii) country or region of vaccination;
 - (iv) name of vaccine(s) administered⁴ (if more than 1 dose, the name of each vaccine administered);
 - (v) vaccination date(s) (if more than 1 dose, the date each dose was administered),
- (c) vaccination status on the HealthHub app or TraceTogether app (see **Annex B** for sample);
- (d) an acknowledgement email via the SGAC indicating that the traveller's vaccination certificate has been verified.

⁴ Please refer to <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/overview#vaccination> for the list of vaccines accepted by Singapore, and the required doses.

Entry Approval Requirements

8 Fully vaccinated passengers, except non-Malaysian male work permit holders on In-Principle Approval (IPA) in the Construction, Marine Shipyard and Process (CMP) sector, are not required to obtain an approval for entry issued by the STO or a Singapore Government agency. From **1 May 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time)**, approval for entry will not be required for any fully vaccinated passenger⁵ entering Singapore.

9 Pursuant to paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Directive, the DGCA has specified that the following passengers are required to provide proof that they have been granted approval to enter Singapore, or exemption from vaccination, as the case may be, for entry into Singapore:

(a) **up to 30 Jun 2022, 2359h hours (Singapore time):**

- (i) unvaccinated or partially vaccinated⁶ Long-Term Pass and IPA holders aged 18 years or above in that calendar year⁷;
- (ii) unvaccinated or partially vaccinated short-term visitors aged 13 years or above in that calendar year⁸;

(b) **from 1 July 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time):**

- (i) unvaccinated or partially vaccinated Long-Term Pass and IPA holders aged 13 years or above in that calendar year;
- (ii) unvaccinated or partially vaccinated short-term visitors aged 13 years or above in that calendar year.

10 A passenger mentioned in paragraph 9 may provide any of the following as proof that he or she has been granted approval to enter Singapore, or exemption from vaccination:

- (a) an Approval Letter for Entry (ALE) issued by the STO or a Singapore Government agency;
- (b) a letter of exemption from vaccination issued by a Singapore Government agency (see **Annex C** and **Annex D** for samples);
- (c) an acknowledgement email via the SGAC indicating that the traveller's entry approval has been verified.

⁵ Fully vaccinated non-Malaysian male work permit holders on IPA in the CMP sector no longer need to apply for entry approval from 1 May 2022 to enter Singapore, and will instead need to book a slot at the Onboard centre for onboarding upon arrival. More details can be found on the Ministry of Manpower's (MOM) website at <https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/entry-approval-requirements>.

⁶ This refers to a passenger who is partially vaccinated in accordance with the criteria specified on the website of the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority at <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/overview#vaccination>.

⁷ Age is calculated based on calendar year. If a Long-Term Pass or IPA holder is entering Singapore in the year of 2022, those born in or after 2005 are not required to be fully vaccinated.

⁸ Age is calculated based on calendar year. If a short-term visitor is entering Singapore in the year of 2022, those born in or after 2010 are not required to be fully vaccinated.

11 To avoid doubt, the following passengers are not required to provide proof that they have been granted approval to enter Singapore, or exemption from vaccination, to be allowed to board a flight to Singapore:

(a) **up to 30 Jun 2022, 2359h hours (Singapore time):**

- (i) unvaccinated or partially vaccinated⁹ Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents;
- (ii) Long-Term Pass and IPA holders aged 17 years or below in that calendar year;
- (iii) short-term visitors aged 12 years or below in that calendar year;

(b) **from 1 July 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time):**

- (i) unvaccinated or partially vaccinated Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents;
- (ii) Long-Term Pass and IPA holders aged 12 years or below in that calendar year;
- (iii) short-term visitors aged 12 years or below in that calendar year.

Pre-Departure Test (PDT)

12 Pursuant to paragraph 4(1)(c) of the Directive, the DGCA has specified that every partially vaccinated or unvaccinated passenger who intends to enter Singapore must provide proof of having taken, within 2 days¹⁰ prior to departure for Singapore:

- (a) any COVID-19 test¹¹ specified in **Annex E**, if the passenger's travel history, in the last 7 consecutive days¹² prior to departure for Singapore, does not include travel to a country or region classified by the Singapore Ministry of Health as a **Restricted Category** country or region;
- (b) any COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test specified in **Annex E**, if the passenger's travel history, in the last 7 consecutive days prior to departure for Singapore, includes travel to any country or region classified by the Singapore Ministry of Health as a **Restricted Category** country or region.

13 The proof of a PDT must meet the following requirements:

- (a) in the case of a COVID-19 PCR test, is taken at and issued by an internationally accredited or recognised laboratory, clinic or medical

⁹ This refers to a passenger who is partially vaccinated in accordance with the criteria specified on the website of the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority at <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/overview#vaccination>.

¹⁰ If the PDT is taken on 1 April 2022, it will be valid for departure up to 3 April 2022, 2359 hours.

¹¹ The COVID-19 test specified in **Annex E** may be taken by means of any sampling method.

¹² To illustrate, if the scheduled day of departure of the flight is D (e.g. 8 April 2022), the last 7 consecutive days refer to D-7 to D (i.e. 1 April to 8 April 2022).

facility specified on the Internet website of the Singapore Ministry of Health at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/accreditation-bodies-for-covid-19-testing>;

- (b) in the case of an Antigen Rapid Test (ART), is:
 - (i) administered by a trained professional, including a medical professional or government-recognised trained professional in the country or region of departure; or
 - (ii) a self-administered test that is remotely supervised by an approved ART provider in Singapore;
- (c) in the case of any other COVID-19 test, is administered by a trained professional, including a medical professional or government-recognised trained professional in the country or region of departure;
- (d) is in the English language or translated into English;
- (e) is not handwritten, and states:
 - (i) a test result that is negative;
 - (ii) the date that the test was taken; and
 - (iii) the name of the passenger as stated in the passport and at least one other personal identifier such as the date of birth or passport number.

14 The following passengers are not required to provide proof of having taken a PDT for COVID-19:

- (a) a child aged 2 years or below in that calendar year¹³;
- (b) a passenger who has been exempted by a relevant Singapore Government agency from the requirement of a PDT¹⁴;
- (c) a transfer or transit passenger who is not seeking entry into Singapore;
- (d) **from 26 April 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time)**, a fully vaccinated passenger or a child aged 12 years or below in that calendar year¹⁵.

15 Pursuant to paragraph 4(1)(d) of the Directive, the DGCA has specified that a passenger may provide proof of having recently recovered from COVID-19 (“proof of recovery”) in lieu of proof of having taken a PDT for COVID-19, as follows:

- (a) a positive result of any COVID-19 test specified in **Annex E** that –

¹³ Age is calculated based on calendar year. If a passenger is entering Singapore in the year of 2022, those born in or after 2020 are not required to take a PDT prior to departure for Singapore.

¹⁴ CAAS will keep airlines informed of the sample exemption letters issued by relevant Singapore government agencies.

¹⁵ Age is calculated based on calendar year. If a passenger is entering Singapore in the year of 2022, those born in or after 2010 are not required to take a PDT prior to departure for Singapore.

- (i) meets the requirements in paragraph 13; and
 - (ii) is taken between 14 and 90 days before the scheduled date of departure of the flight to Singapore;
- (b) a discharge memo that –
- (i) states the name of the passenger, and at least one other personal identifier such as the date of birth or passport number corresponding exactly with the information in the passport used for entry into Singapore;
 - (ii) states the date of infection or the discharge date, which must be between 14 and 90 days before the scheduled date of departure for the flight to Singapore; and
 - (iii) is issued by a relevant state authority or licensed medical professional;
- (c) a positive result of a supervised self-administered ART that is issued by a licensed medical provider in Singapore¹⁶, that –
- (i) meets the requirements in paragraph 13(d) and (e); and
 - (ii) is taken between 14 and 90 days before the scheduled date of departure of the flight to Singapore.

16 Air operators may also refer to the self-help checker at <https://go.gov.sg/recovered-traveller-checker> to determine if recently-recovered travellers can be exempted from the PDT requirement.

17 The two-day period for the PDT mentioned in paragraph 12 of this Circular is determined as follows:

- (a) For a passenger taking a **non-stop flight** to Singapore, the period of 2 days will commence from the scheduled departure day of the flight to Singapore. For example, if the flight is scheduled to depart on 3 April 2022, the PDT must be taken no earlier than 1 April 2022.
- (b) For a passenger taking a **connecting flight** to Singapore:
 - (i) if the total scheduled transit duration on the ground does not exceed 24 hours, the 2-day period will commence from the scheduled departure day of the **first flight** of the journey to Singapore. For example, if the passenger's flight itinerary is LAX-NRT-SIN and his transit duration at NRT is within 24 hours, the PDT must be taken within 2 days of the scheduled departure day of his flight from LAX.

¹⁶ Overseas supervised self-administered ARTs and HealthHub statuses showing ART "self-administered (under supervision)" without the "Licensed Provider" tag will not be accepted.

- (ii) if the total scheduled transit duration on the ground exceeds 24 hours, the 2-day period will commence from the scheduled departure day of the last flight of the journey to Singapore (i.e. the flight to Singapore). For example, if the passenger's flight itinerary is LAX-NRT-HKG-SIN and the total scheduled transit duration at NRT and HKG adds up to more than 24 hours, the PDT must be taken within 2 days of the scheduled departure day of the flight from HKG.

18 Pursuant to paragraph 7(4) of the Directive, the DGCA has specified that every air operator must:

- (a) maintain, for a minimum of four weeks, a record of the PDT taken by a passenger mentioned in paragraph 12, or the proof of recovery mentioned in paragraph 15, as the case may be, that states the following:
 - (i) name, as stated in the passport;
 - (ii) type of PDT or proof of recovery;
 - (iii) date of PDT or proof of recovery;
 - (iv) the PDT result, which must be in English; and
- (b) furnish the necessary information and evidence of such records upon request by CAAS.

19 Air operators should remind their passengers that should any be found to have produced a false or forged COVID-19 test certificate or discharge memo, it will affect the passenger's ability to obtain or sponsor immigration facilities in the future.

20 The requirement to take a PDT is in addition to existing prevailing entry requirements (e.g. requirements for entry approvals) and border health measures for all inbound passengers. Air operators must also ensure that their connecting passengers meet the entry requirements of their destination country or region.

Compliance with Border Measures

21 A summary of changes to the COVID-19-related requirements for entry into Singapore from **26 April 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time)** is in the appended table. Details on entry requirements and health protocols can be found on the SafeTravel website (<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>).

- (a) up to 30 Jun 2022, 2359h hours (Singapore time):

Vaccination Status	Traveller Archetype	Documents		
		PDT, Proof of Recovery or PDT Exemption Letter	Proof of Vaccination	Entry Approval or Vaccination Exemption Letter
Fully Vaccinated	All travellers	Not Required	Required	Not Required

Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated	Children Aged 12 & Below	Not Required	Not Applicable	Not Required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Citizens Aged 13 & Above • Permanent Residents Aged 13 & Above • Long-Term Pass & IPA holders Aged 13 to 17 	Required	Not Applicable	Not Required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-Term Pass & IPA holders Aged 18 & Above • Short-Term Visitors Aged 13 & Above 	Required	Not Applicable	Required

(b) from 1 July 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time):

Vaccination Status	Traveller Archetype	Documents		
		PDT, Proof of Recovery or PDT Exemption Letter	Proof of Vaccination	Entry Approval or Vaccination Exemption Letter
Fully Vaccinated	All travellers	Not Required	Required	Not Required
Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated	Children Aged 12 & Below	Not Required	Not Applicable	Not Required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Citizens Aged 13 & Above • Permanent Residents Aged 13 & Above 	Required	Not Applicable	Not Required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-Term Pass & IPA holders Aged 13 & Above • Short-Term Visitors Aged 13 & Above 	Required	Not Applicable	Required

22 Existing inadmissible passenger (commonly referred to as “Not-To-Land (NTL)”) policies and procedures will apply for passengers denied entry into Singapore due to not meeting Singapore’s prevailing entry requirements.

23 Information on the entry requirements for all inbound and transit and transfer passengers will be updated in the IATA Timatic service.

24 This Circular takes effect **from 26 April 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time) and supersedes** CAAS Circular 19/2022, dated 30 March 2022 (“COVID-19 – *Pre-flight Measures and Requirements for Passengers on Flights to Singapore*”).

25 To avoid doubt, the requirements as described in this Circular are applicable to every passenger whose scheduled time of arrival in Singapore is after 26 April 2022, 0001 hours (Singapore time).

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