



BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

Immigration Visa Foreigners Registration and Tracking

Advisory: Travel and Visa restrictions related to COVID-19

In supersession of all earlier advisories issued on the subject the following advisory is issued for implementation with immediate effect

- i. All regular (sticker) Visas/e-Visas granted to nationals of France, Germany and Spain and issued on or before 11.3.2020 and who have not yet entered India stand suspended with immediate effect.
- ii. All regular (sticker) Visas/e-Visas (including VoA for Japan and South Korea) granted to nationals of Italy, Iran, South Korea and Japan, and which have been issued on or before 3.3.2020 and who have not yet entered India remain suspended.
- iii. Regular (sticker) Visas/e-Visas granted to nationals of China issued on or before 5.2.2020 suspended earlier, continue to be suspended.
- iv. Regular (sticker) Visas/e-Visas granted to all foreign nationals who have traveled to China, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Japan, France, Germany and Spain on or after 1.2.2020 and who have not yet entered India stand suspended with immediate effect.

v. All aforementioned restricted categories of foreign nationals may not enter India from any air, land or seaport ICPs. Those requiring to travel to India due to compelling reasons may seek fresh visa from the nearest Indian embassy/consulate. **Italian and South Korean** nationals who are granted fresh visa issued after **05.03.2020** should carry '**Tested Negative for COVID-19**' medical certificate from designated laboratories of Italy and South Korea.

Similar certificate needs to be carried by Indian nationals coming from Italy and South Korea.

vi. Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid. They may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion, etc. of their visa or for grant of any consular service if they choose to do so.

vii. Holders of diplomatic passports, official passports, officials of UN and other international bodies, OCI cardholders and air-crew from the above eight countries are exempted from such restriction on entry. However, their medical screening on arrival is compulsory.

viii. All foreign and Indian nationals entering into India from any port are required to furnish a pair of duly filled self-declaration forms (including personal particulars i.e. phone number and address in India) and travel history to health officials and immigration officials at all arrival ports.

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Additional Travel Advisory (I) for COVID-19 on Home Isolation

More than 100 countries across the world now have reported cases of COVID-19. People traveling to these countries or people who have travelled abroad might possibly have come in contact with people affected with COVID-19 during their stay or even while in transit at the airports. Within these countries, few countries have reported very large number of cases and deaths putting passengers from these countries particularly at higher risk of infection.

Accordingly, in addition to the consolidated travel advisory issued on 6th March, 2020, the following are advised:

- i. All incoming international passengers returning to India should self-monitor their health and follow required Do's and Dont's as detailed by Government.
- ii. Further, all passengers having travel history to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Iran, Malaysia, France, Spain and Germany are advised to undergo self-imposed quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival. If such passengers are working in some organizations/institutions, their respective employers are advised to facilitate work from home during this period.
- iii. With respect to restrictions on visa, besides the already issued instructions, all regular Visas (including e Visas) which have been granted to nationals of France, Germany and Spain on or before 11.03.2020 and where these foreigners have not yet entered India stands suspended.
- iv. Regular visas (including e Visas) granted to all foreign nationals who have travel history to these countries on or after 1.2.2020 and who have not yet entered India also stands suspended.
- v. Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid and they may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion etc of their visa or grant of any consular service, if they choose to do so.

A detailed notification to this effect is being issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BOI).