

Fully vaccinated entrants will be exempted from 2-week quarantine

Effective from July 1, 2021, the South Korean government has lifted the mandatory 2-weeks quarantine for foreign arrivals who have been fully vaccinated from other countries against Covid19.

Eligibility

Among:

- South Korean citizens
- Visa free travelers (B-1, B-2)
- short-term visa holders (C-1 / C-3 / C-4)
- long-term visa holders (D-7 / D-8 / D-9 / F-4 / F-5 / F-6 / E-7)
- ARC holders (D-7 / D-8 / D-9 / F-4 / F-5 / F-6 / E-7)

Who meet all the below-listed conditions:

- who are inoculated by Covid19 vaccines approved by WHO for emergency use: (AstraZeneca / Pfizer / Janssen / Moderna / Sinopharm / Sinovac / Covishield)
- who get fully vaccinated in the same country
- who do not show any suspected Covid19 symptoms at least for 2 weeks from the fully vaccinated date.
- who are coming to South Korea for business / academic / humanitarian purpose or who are overseas South Koreans coming to meet their family members (spouse / children / parents / parents-in-law),

Exemption

- F-3 (dependent) and D-4 (intern) is NOT included.
F-3 visa holders can apply for quarantine exemption directly at the Korean embassy in their current residence country, only when their main applicant is already in South Korea as a registered foreign resident with a valid ARC.
- If you got fully vaccinated in country A, you can apply for quarantine exemption at the Korean embassy in country A ONLY. If you got vaccinated in country A but currently in country B, then you are not able to apply for quarantine exemption in country B.
- Those currently in countries with a high risk of covid19 variants are NOT allowed to apply for quarantine exemption regardless of the fact whether they are fully vaccinated or not. Total 21 countries listed as of July 1: South Africa / Brazil / Malawi / Botswana / Mozambique / Tanzania / Eswatini / Zimbabwe / Bangladesh / Equatorial Guinea / Suriname / Paraguay / Chile / Uruguay / Colombia / Argentina / Malta / Indonesia / Pakistan / India / Philippines

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How to Apply

Step 1 **Apply for pre-approval of quarantine exemption certificate**

Online application filing is available at Business Traveler Support Center (BTSC).
Application screening will take 1~2 weeks depends on the government authority's workload.

Step 2 **Apply for actual quarantine exemption certificate**

Once it is confirmed by BTSC that quarantine exemption application is approved, the traveler can visit the respective Korean embassy to apply for a quarantine exemption certificate. Application filing can be done either by email or by physical visit. Each Korean embassy's operation policy will be different depends on each country's covid19 situations. Application screening will take another 1~2 weeks depends on the government authority's workload.

For step 1, webpage for application filing, guidelines, and all the required forms are released in Korean only. PFR can do application filing for Step 1 on behalf and the required documents for us to apply step 1 on behalf will be as follows:

- Copy of Assignee's Certificate of Immunization/Vaccination --- must be issued in English
- Copy of Assignee's Passport
- Assignee's confirmed E-ticket to South Korea
- Assignee's detailed itinerary for the first 2 weeks upon arrival in South Korea

Information herein is valid as of July 1 2021 and is subject to change based on the South Korean government's judgment.

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