








# 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><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to China:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The travel ban has been lifted for those with a valid resident visa or resident visa that had expired during the course of the year (effective from midnight on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2020)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Procedures are back to normal.</u></b> Therefore, the following cases are possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification Letter - First Application for Work Permit with Professional outside PRC</li> <li>First Application for Work Permit and Resident Permit for Professional already in PRC, with a valid visa (other than Z type)</li> <li>Work Permit transfer, for Professional already in PRC with a valid WP and RP</li> </ul>	September 24 2020
Taiwan ROC 	<p><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Taiwan:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any holder of valid ARC (Alien Resident Certificate)</li> <li>Non-ARC holder visitors approved by Ministry of Foreign Affairs/MFA to enter (excluding tourism or regular social visits)</li> <li>Non-ARC visitors (family included) approved by Ministry of Health and Welfare/MHW to receive local medical care</li> <li>Students approved by Ministry of Education/ME</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Processes are in normal delay.</u></b> Therefore the following cases are possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>First Application for Work Permit and ARC for Professional already in ROC Taiwan, with a valid visa (other than Work Visa)</li> <li>Work Permit / ARC transfer, for Professional already in ROC Taiwan with a valid WP and ARC</li> </ul>	August 1 2020

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Singapore 	<p><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Singapore:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holder of Permanent Residence Permit</li> <li>• Long-term pass holders (Student, Dependent, Long-Term visit, Work) upon receiving approval letter for entry from relevant government agency.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Processes are in normal time.</u></b> Therefore the following case is possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Pass - For foreign Professionals, managers and executive to work in Singapore (Min. SG\$ 4,500 per month)</li> </ul>	September 24 2020
South Korea 	<p><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to South Korea (If they are not from countries considered as high risk):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diplomats (A-1 visa) or Government Officials (A-2 / A-3 visa)</li> <li>• Overseas Koreans (F-4 Visa)</li> <li>• Long-term visa and short-term employment (C-4 visa)(shall apply for re-entry authorization before leaving the country)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Processes are slightly longer than normal time.</u></b> The following cases are possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign national is currently outside South Korea and applying for a Work Visa</li> <li>• Foreign national is currently in South Korea and with a valid visa related to short-term or long-term employment</li> </ul>	August 12 2020
Thailand 	<p><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Thailand:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spouse, parents, or children of a Thai National</li> <li>• Holder of a valid certificate of permanent residency</li> <li>• Work Permit holder including spouse and/or children</li> <li>• Students of educational institutions approved by Thai authorities only</li> <li>• Foreigner in need of medical treatment</li> <li>• Person invited/permitted by the Prime Minister</li> <li>• Diplomatic passport / on consular missions</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Processes timeline slightly delayed.</u></b> The following case is possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign national currently inside Thailand and with a valid visa</li> </ul>	August 13 2020

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Vietnam 	<p><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Vietnam:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investors</li> <li>Experts already holding a valid Work Permit</li> <li>Professional who come to work in Vietnam under Official Invitation Letter</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Normal Processes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional currently in Vietnam with a valid Work Permit</li> <li>Professional currently in Vietnam with a valid visa, other than Work Permit</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Our current special procedure:</u></b> 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>	September 24 2020
Hong Kong SAR 	<p><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Hong Kong SAR:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any holder of a valid visa or Hong Kong Resident card</li> <li>Any holder of an inactivated entry visa for employment purposes</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Processes are in normal time</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Employment Policy - First Application for Employment Visa with Professional outside SAR Hong Kong</li> <li>First Application for General Employment Policy for Professional already in SAR Hong Kong, with a valid visa (tourism, spouse, student)</li> <li>Change of Employer Application - The Professional is already in SAR Hong Kong with an Employment visa</li> </ul>	September 24 2020 <del>2020</del>

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Japan 	<p><b><u>The following persons are permitted entry to Japan (upon being granted a Letter of Confirmation):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign nationals who do not have a history of visiting or staying in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Philippines or Peru within 14 days prior to the date of applying for landing</li> <li>• Foreign national with Permanent Resident Card (Spouse and children included)</li> <li>• Foreign national Spouse or Children of Japanese National</li> <li>• Foreign national under long-term Resident</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Processes are in normal time</u></b> <b><u>The following cases can be processed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Eligibility - Document allowing the Professional to enter Japan (in our case, for work purpose)</li> <li>• Change of Status of Residence, with a valid Resident Card (other than Work purpose)</li> </ul>	September 24 2020



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