

# Alert on immigration

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With an aim to reopen inbound tourism after nearly two years of closure, on 15 March 2022, the Vietnam Government has announced that it will resume its immigration policies to those in place pre-Covid with effect from 15 March 2022.

Highlighted below are key points to note on the developments:

## 1. Resumption of immigration/emigration policies from 15 March 2022

- The Government Office, according to the Official letter No.1606/VPCP-QHQT dated 15 March 2022, agreed to resume all procedures on immigration/emigration for foreigners and Vietnamese citizens residing in overseas from 15 March 2022. Accordingly, entry approval for all travelers to Vietnam will be removed from 15 March 2022 and the visa schemes (including e-visa, unilateral and bilateral visa exemption schemes) will resume to those in place pre-Covid-19, in accordance with current regulations on immigration, emigration, transit and residing of foreigners in Vietnam.
- In the letter, the Government Office also asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to negotiate with other countries on mutual agreement on recognition of vaccine passports, facilitate the travelling of Vietnamese citizens overseas, give guidance on the use of overseas vaccine passport in Vietnam as well as inform other countries/jurisdictions on the changes of Vietnam's immigration/emigration policies;
- The Ministry of Health was asked to give guidance on the medical requirements for inbound passengers to Vietnam relevant to the new situation of Vietnam;
- The Ministry of Public Security was asked to enhance the management of foreigners entering and staying in Vietnam in accordance with current regulations and pursuant to Covid-19 preventive measures.

## 2. Resumption of unilateral visa exemption policy for expatriates being citizens of 13 countries

- On the same date, the Government also issued Resolution No.32/NQ-CP dated 15 March 2022 on resumption of unilateral visa exemption policy for expatriates being citizens of 13 countries. According to the Resolution, citizens of the following countries will be allowed to visit Vietnam for up to 15 days without a visa, regardless of passport type and entry purpose:

▪ Germany	▪ Russia
▪ France	▪ Japan
▪ Italy	▪ Norway
▪ Spain	▪ South Korea
▪ UK	▪ Sweden
▪ Denmark	▪ Belarus
▪ Finland	
- The Resolution is effective for 3 years, from 15 March 2022 to 14 March 2025.

## KPMG notes

The above changes in Vietnam immigration/emigration policies will greatly help in enabling inbound passengers to travel to Vietnam and encourage economic recovery. For businesses and individuals that plan to travel to Vietnam for cross-border business activities, awareness of these changes is important to manage mobility plans and budgets to ease travel arrangements.

For quarantine/isolation requirements post entering Vietnam, separate rules specified by the Ministry of Health will apply. Businesses are recommended to stay up to date with the changes issued by all relevant ministries for proper arrangement of travelling plans of their individual experts

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