



EMBASSY OF NEPAL PARIS

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NOTICE ABOUT NEW VISA PROVISION

Considering the declining effects of coronavirus (Covid-19) in the country, the Government of Nepal has issued, on 21 September 2021, a revised order with regard to the arrival of foreign officials, tourists and other visitors in Nepal, which came into force immediately. The following are the new visa provisions:

Visa on arrival for foreign tourists and other visitors:

- (1) All foreign tourists/visitors, other than the citizens of the countries mentioned in paragraph (11) below, arriving in Nepal by air or through entry points between Nepal-India and Nepal-China borders without a visa will be eligible to obtain a tourist visa on arrival. They are required to submit the following documents, in addition to a visa application form, to the immigration office for a tourist visa on arrival:
 - (a) A copy of the documentary evidence of the completion of 14 days after full vaccine shot/s (single or double doses as prescribed) taken against Covid-19;
 - (b) Covid-19 test (RT-PCR, Gene Expert, True NAAT or WHO accredited test) report conforming negative result, which should be obtained within 72 hours from the departure time or within 72 hours from the time of entering into Nepal, if arriving by land;
 - (c) A copy of trekking or mountaineering permit if visiting Nepal for trekking and mountaineering purpose requiring permit. (Tourists/visitors not intending to go for trekking or mountaineering are not required to submit a copy of such a permit);
 - (d) Proof of a hotel reservation in Nepal; and
 - (e) A printed copy of the *International Traveler Online Arrival Form*. This *Form* can be obtained after completion of online registration (Please log in to www.ccmc.gov.np to access the form). Visitors are advised to fill out the *Arrival Form* and print a copy before they depart for Nepal.
- (2) Tourists/visitors will be permitted to get engaged in the planned activities if the result of their antigen test conducted at the at the entry point confirmed negative result. In case of positive antigen-test result, they are subjected to a mandatory isolation or hospitalization. In case of unavailability of antigen test at the immigration points, they will be allowed to go to the hotel where booking is already confirmed. They will be allowed to leave the hotel only if they tested Covid-19 negative.





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Tourist visa application to the Embassy or Consulates of Nepal:

- (3) Foreign tourists/visitors who are yet to administer full vaccine shots (single or double doses as prescribed) against Covid-19, will not be eligible to obtain a visa on arrival in Nepal. They must get a tourist visa before arriving in Nepal either from the Embassy or one of the Consulates of Nepal.

The Embassy or the Consulate of Nepal will issue tourist visas to the applicants on submission of the following documents:

- (a) A visa application form;
- (b) Documents mentioned in section (a), (c) and (d) as applicable under paragraph (1) above;
- (c) A recommendation letter from the relevant travel or tour operator of Nepal if not fully vaccinated against Covid-19 or yet to complete 14 days from the date of last vaccine shot (single or double doses as prescribed).

Tourists/visitors are required to carry with them all the documents mentioned in section (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) as applicable under paragraph (1) above to be submitted to the immigration office at the entry point.

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Mandatory quarantine for unvaccinated tourists/visitors:

- (4) Tourists/visitors who are yet to administer full vaccine shot/s required to stay in quarantine for 10 days after arrival in Nepal at the hotel reserved by them at their own cost. They will be allowed to leave the hotel to get engaged in the intended activities including tourism only if the PCR test conducted on the 11th day confirms negative result.

Visa on arrival to NRN and entry permission to Nepali nationals who are vaccinated:

- (5) Non-resident Nepalis (NRN or foreign nationals of Nepali origin), their family members and foreign nationals who are married to a Nepali national will be eligible to obtain a visa on arrival, only if fully vaccinated against Covid-19, on submission of a visa application form and documents mentioned in section (a), (b), and (e) under paragraph (1) above at the immigration office at entry point. They are advised to carry with them other supporting document/s, if any, that qualify them for a visa on arrival/permission to enter into Nepal without quarantine order.





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Special provision of visa on arrival to NRN/entry permission to Nepali nationals who are not vaccinated or having incomplete vaccine course:

- (6) NRN and Nepali nationals arriving in Nepal who are not vaccinated or yet to complete vaccine course (as mentioned under paragraph (1) above) or arrived before completing 14 days from the date of the last vaccine taken due to one of the emergencies or compelling situations mentioned hereunder will get a tourist visa on arrival or will be allowed to enter Nepal provided that the antigen test performed at the entry point responded a negative result:
- (a) Arriving to attend funeral service of their close relative with a proof such as a recommendation letter of the local-level authority;
 - (b) Chronic patients and invalid persons as well as their accompanying care givers. They are required to submit documentary evidence issued by hospital/s and a recommendation letter from the local-level authority in Nepal.
 - (c) Senior citizens above 75 years and their caregivers, and minors below 5 years and their accompanying guardians who can produce a recommendation letter of the local-level authority in Nepal.
 - (d) Those arriving in Nepal as care givers to family members who are hospitalized for treatment of a critical medical condition. They are required to submit medical report of their relatives issued by the hospital concerned and a recommendation letter of the local-level authority in Nepal.

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Quarantine if antigen test responded positive result:

- (7) NRN and Nepali nationals arriving in Nepal who are unvaccinated or not having complete vaccine course or arrived before completing 14 days from the date the last vaccine shot taken have to undergo antigen test for Covid-19 at entry point. If the antigen test responded a positive result, they are required to remain in a compulsory isolation by observing the health protocol recommended for a person infected by corona virus.

Visa to be obtained from Embassy, Consulates of Nepal by foreign mission officials and their family members:

- (8) Diplomats, officials and/or staffs of diplomatic, UN and other foreign missions and international organizations and their family members who are yet to complete full vaccine course against Covid-19 or having incomplete vaccine course or yet to complete 14 days from the date the last vaccine shot taken shot will not be eligible to receive a visa on arrival in Nepal. They





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need to obtain an entry visa in advance from the Embassy or Consulates of Nepal.

Diplomats, officials and/or staffs of diplomatic, UN and other foreign missions and international organizations and their family members, whether or not vaccinated, may apply for a visa at the Embassy or Consulate of Nepal. The following are the documentary requirements:

- (a) A visa application form;
- (b) Documents mentioned in section (a) under paragraph **(1)** above, (if applicable);
- (c) A visa recommendation letter issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the employer organization concerned.

They are required to submit documents mentioned in section (a) (if applicable), (b) and (e) under paragraph **(1)** above at the immigration office at entry point in Nepal.

Quarantine for foreign mission officials and family members:

- (9) Diplomats, officials and/or staffs of diplomatic, UN and other foreign missions and international organizations and their family members who arrived in Nepal, but yet to complete full vaccine course or having incomplete vaccine course or yet to complete 14 days from the date the last vaccine taken, are subject to a 10-days mandatory quarantine at their residence as indicated by the respective missions. However, no quarantine is recommended to those who completed 14 days after the last vaccine shot taken.

Visa on arrival to foreign mission officials and family members who are vaccinated:

- (10) Diplomats, officials and staff members of diplomatic, UN and other foreign missions and international organizations based in Nepal and their family members are advised to obtain an appropriate visa beforehand from the Embassy/Consulate of Nepal. However, in the event that they have not been able to get it from the Embassy or Consulate of Nepal and they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, they will be eligible to obtain an entry visa on arrival in Nepal on submission of the following documents at immigration entry point:
 - (a) A visa application form;
 - (b) Documents mentioned in section (a), (b) and (e) under paragraph **(1)** above; and
 - (c) A visa recommendation letter issued by the concerned mission.





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However, antigen test will be conducted at the immigration entry point if symptom or sign of Covid-19 infection is noticed. They will be sent to isolation or hospital if antigen test indicated positive result even after having full anti-Covid vaccine shot/s.

No visa on arrival (to be obtained only from Nepali missions):

- (11) Nationals from Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Cameroon, Somalia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan and Syria and all foreigners holding travel documents or emergency passports must obtain a tourist visa from the Embassy or Consulate of Nepal before arriving Nepal. They will not be able to obtain a visa on arrival in Nepal even after having a proof of a complete anti Covid-19 vaccine shot/s.

Provision regarding minors:

- (12) No vaccination or testing is required for the minors below five years. Vaccinations are not mandatory for the children between 5-18 years but they are required to follow the other procedures and health protocol as applicable to the adult persons.

Provision regarding Indian nationals arriving through land border:

- (13) Indian nationals arriving Nepal through entry/exit immigration check points situated between Nepal-India border are required to submit the documents mentioned in section (b), and (e) under paragraph (1) above to ensure arrival permission although no visa required.

However, antigen test will be conducted at the immigration check point if symptom or sign of Covid-19 infection is noticed. They will be allowed to enter Nepal if their antigen test responded negative result.

Transit passengers in Nepal:

- (14) Foreign nationals will be allowed use international airport in Nepal as transit point for onward journey. Similarly, visitors leaving Nepal for third country are required to submit the following documents at the airport:

Covid-19 test (RT-PCR, Gene Expert, True NAAT or WHO accredited test) report conforming negative result, which should be obtained within 48 hours from the departure time or as specified by the country where journey ends;

- (a) Printed copy of *International Traveler Online Departure Form*. This *Form* can be obtained after completion of online registration (Please log in to www.ccmc.gov.np to access the form).

