

Coronavirus Update

Date – 11th March 2020

INDIA

The Bureau of Indian Immigration has issued the new travel <u>guidelines</u> for travel into India. These are precautionary measures related to COVID-19.

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.

You can download the <u>form</u> and share across with clients travelling, clients can print two copies and fill details in advance to save time at Immigration. One copy they can retain while travelling into India.

Client travelling with us can put our office address as their address in India.

Immigration 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.

- 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.
- 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.



- Regular (sticker) Visas/e-Visas granted to nationals of China issued on or before 5.2.2020 suspended earlier, continue to be suspended.
- 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.
- 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.
- Visas of all foreigners from the above countries 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. 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.

We continue to monitor the situation and will update you as and when required. For the latest updates you may visit <u>https://www.mygov.in/covid-19/</u>