



Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore

## CAAS Circular 2021/25

4 May 2021

### UPDATE ON BORDER MEASURES FOR TRAVELLERS – EXTENSION OF ASSESSED TRAVEL HISTORY TO 21 DAYS

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has been closely monitoring the local and global COVID-19 situation and will be tightening border measures for travellers. Please refer to MOH's press release in [Annex A](#).

2 With effect from **7 May 2021, 2359 hours** (Singapore time), prevailing border measures that will apply to incoming travellers will be determined based on the travellers' recent travel history in the last 21 consecutive days to countries/regions, instead of the existing assessed travel history period of 14 days. This will not apply to bilaterally negotiated travel lanes (e.g. Air Travel Bubble, Reciprocal Green Lane).

#### Air Travel Pass (ATP)

3 With effect from **7 May 2021, 2359 hours**, all short-term visitors from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Mainland China, New Zealand and Taiwan, entering Singapore with an ATP must:

- (a) have been in their declared point of departure in the last **21 consecutive days**<sup>1</sup> before departing for Singapore;
- (b) travel to Singapore on a direct flight without transit via another country/region;
- (c) purchase travel insurance, with a minimum coverage of \$30,000 for COVID-19-related medical treatment and hospitalisation costs, prior to travel to Singapore; and
- (d) show the following documents to airline staff at check-in at the point of departure, and to the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) officer at the checkpoint upon arrival in Singapore:
  - (i) a valid ATP approval letter (electronic or physical copy) for the specified period of entry into Singapore;

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<sup>1</sup> If the scheduled day of departure of the flight is D (e.g. 31 May 2021), the traveller must have remained in his/her declared point of departure from D-21 to D (i.e. 10 to 31 May 2021, if D is 31 May 2021).

- (ii) a valid visa (for visa-required passport holders); and
- (iii) a mobile device with the TraceTogether<sup>2</sup> app already downloaded, with mobile number and profile registered. The airline staff should verify this by getting the visitor to click on the TraceTogether app on their mobile device and show the holding screen. If the visitor does not have the TraceTogether app, the airline staff should check that the visitor has an electronic or physical copy of his/her booking confirmation for a mobile device from Changi Recommends. Otherwise, please have the ATP holder make a booking for a mobile device on the Changi Recommends website prior to accepting them for boarding to Singapore.

4 Short-term visitors entering Singapore with an ATP are required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test<sup>3</sup> upon arrival at the airport<sup>4</sup>.

5 Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents, and Long-Term Pass holders entering Singapore from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Mainland China, New Zealand and Taiwan, are not required to apply for an ATP to travel to Singapore, but they are required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test<sup>3</sup> upon arrival at the airport. In addition, Long-Term Pass holders will still be required to have an Approval Letter of Entry issued by the ICA, the Ministry of Manpower or the Ministry of Education, and present it to airline staff at check-in at the point of departure, and to the ICA officer at the checkpoint upon arrival in Singapore.

6 To expedite the COVID-19 PCR test at the airport, they should register and make payment at <https://safetravel.changiairport.com> before departing for Singapore.

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<sup>2</sup> This does not apply to children aged 12 years old or younger in that calendar year and travelling with a parent or guardian, or those who are unable to use a mobile device due to a certified disability and/or special need.

Travellers who need to download the TraceTogether App will have to ensure that their mobile devices are compatible with the app. They can download the app at <https://www.tracetogogether.gov.sg/>. Mobile devices that are incompatible with the TraceTogether app include: Phones that do not have access to Apple App Store, Google Play store, or Huawei App Gallery, non-camera phones, phones with Android version 5.0 and below, phones with iOS version 9 and below, phones running on Blackberry OS or Symbian OS, phones with a Mobile Device Management (MDM) system installed by employers that prevents downloads from the Apple App Store, Google Play Store, or Huawei App Gallery.

<sup>3</sup> This requirement does not apply to children aged six and below. Age is calculated based on calendar year. For example, if travellers are entering Singapore in the year 2021, those born between the years 2015 and 2021 are not required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival in Singapore.

<sup>4</sup> After taking the COVID-19 PCR test, they are to immediately take private transportation, taxi, or private hire car from the airport to their declared place of accommodation. They must remain isolated at the accommodation pending the outcome of the test result. The test results will be out within 48 hours. If the test result is negative, they will be allowed to go about their activities in Singapore, without a need to serve a Stay-Home Notice (SHN). Visitors may refer to the Singapore Hotel Association (SHA) website <https://sha.org.sg> for the list of hotels approved to receive visitors travelling to Singapore on the ATP.

## Entry into and Transfer/Transit through Singapore

7 With effect from **7 May 2021, 2359 hours**, until further notice, all long-term pass holders (including those who had obtained prior approval for entry into Singapore) and short-term visitors with recent travel history (including transit) to Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan or Sri Lanka **within the past 21 days** will not be allowed entry into Singapore, or transit through Singapore.

8 Airlines must ensure full compliance with the border measures in force, including screening of passengers' recent travel history and the necessary approval letters where applicable, at the point of departure for all flights to Singapore. Existing Not-To-Land (NTL) policies and procedures will apply for passengers, who are denied entry into Singapore if they do not meet Singapore's prevailing entry requirements or who are not allowed to transfer/transit through Singapore.

9 Information on the additional requirement for all inbound passengers will be updated in the IATA Timatic service.

10 This Circular will, with effect from **7 May 2021, 2359 hours**, supersede the following CAAS Circulars:

- (a) CAAS Circular 2020/36, dated 25 August 2020, *Singapore Takes First Step to Open Up Entry to Visitors from Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand with Air Travel Pass*;
- (b) CAAS Circular 2020/41, dated 29 October 2020, *Singapore Allows Visitors from Mainland China and Victoria State (Australia)*;
- (c) CAAS Circular 2020/47, dated 11 December 2020, *Singapore Allows Visitors from Taiwan*;
- (d) CAAS Circular 2021/13, dated 9 February 2021, *Update on Border Measures for Travellers with Travel History to Vietnam and New South Wales, Australia*.
- (e) CAAS Circular 2021/22, dated 22 April 2021, *Update on Border Measures for Travellers with Travel History to India*; and
- (f) CAAS Circular 2021/24, dated 30 April 2021, *Update on Border Measures for Travellers with Travel History to Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan or Sri Lanka*.

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## **Annex A**

Please refer to:

[https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/updates-on-local-situation-border-measures-and-shift-to-heightened-alert-to-minimise-transmission\\_4May2021](https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/updates-on-local-situation-border-measures-and-shift-to-heightened-alert-to-minimise-transmission_4May2021)