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Cambodia - COVID-19: Entry Requirements for Foreign Travelers Revised

In August, the Ministry of Health ("MoH") in Cambodia announced revisions to the requirements for foreign travelers entering the country.¹ The revisions went into effect 4 August.

WHY THIS MATTERS

The various COVID-19 containment measures have had a profound impact on both professional and personal travel. Companies can now start to slowly resume their international travel plans and prepare for upcoming business travel and assignments.

Cambodia has adjusted its safety protocols to take into account employer-sponsored business travel. The revised requirements affect all foreign travelers entering the country, and include documentation, testing and quarantining measures, which will mean longer immigration wait times and business disruptions.

Requirements for Foreign Travelers

I. Foreign travelers who are investors, business-persons, company staff, experts, skilled workers, technicians and family members, who are sponsored by their employers

Before arriving in Cambodia	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Medical Certificate certified by their home country indicating they are COVID-19 negative 72 hours before departure.2. Sponsorship done online with validation certificate on payment guarantee from the Cambodian government.
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	<p>3. Valid visa issued by the Cambodian authorities in their home country.</p>
	<p>4. Proof of hotel reservation, three days prior to the departure, for one of two designated hotels.</p>
Arriving in international airports in Cambodia	<p>1. Present the medical certificate, validation certificate, valid visa and proof of hotel reservation.</p>
	<p>2. Have the right to use the special priority lane.</p>
	<p>3. Subject to COVID-19 testing.</p>
	<p>4. Transportation to the designated hotel.</p>
	<p>5. If the foreign traveler must be quarantined for 14 days, the sponsor is responsible for all expenses including the hotel accommodation and COVID-19 tests fees. If the foreign traveler is COVID-19 positive, the sponsor is required to cover all expenses until the patient is fully recovered.</p>
	<p>6. The sponsor must cooperate fully with the MoH.</p>

II. Foreign travelers who are investors, business-persons, company staff, experts, skilled works, technicians and family members, who have been invited but not sponsored

Before arriving in Cambodia	<p>1. Medical certificate certified by their home country indicating they are COVID-19 negative 72 hours before departure.</p>
	<p>2. Online invitation with validation certificate of invitation issued and approved by the Cambodian government.</p>
	<p>3. Valid visa issued by the Cambodian authorities in their home country.</p>
	<p>4. Proof of health insurance package for COVID-19 valid for 20 days through Forte Insurance costing US\$90.</p>
	<p>5. Proof of hotel reservation, three days prior to the departure, for one of two designated hotels.</p>

Arriving in international airports in Cambodia	1. Present the medical certificate, validation certificate of invitation, valid visa, proof of COVID-19 Health Insurance package and proof of hotel reservation.
	2. Deposit US\$2,000 for hotel accommodation costs while waiting for COVID-19 test results, medical examination fees, local transportation costs to the designated hotel, and any expenses during any quarantine period.
	3. Have the right to use the special priority lane.
	4. Subject to COVID-19 testing.
	5. Transportation to the designated hotel.

III. Foreign travelers who are investors, business-persons, company staff, experts, skilled workers, technicians and family members, without either sponsorship or invitation, and other regular foreign travelers

1. Comply with the MoH requirements, including payment of service fees for:	— COVID-19 medical examination — quarantine — COVID-19 treatment at public hospitals.
2. Deposit	— Deposit US\$2,000 upon the arrival to cover accommodation costs while waiting for COVID-19 test results, medical examination fees, local transportation costs and expenses during any quarantine period.
3. Purchase health insurance	— Health Insurance package for COVID-19 valid for 20 days through Forte Insurance costing US\$90.

These revised requirements became effective 4 August 2020.

Other Travel Announcements

In separate announcements,² the Cambodian government temporarily suspended flights from:

- Malaysia and Indonesia from 1 August 2020;
- the Philippines from 13 August 2020.

On 31 August 2020, the MoH issued a further notification on the COVID-19 testing fee payment mechanism and return of traveler deposits.³

- All foreign travelers shall pay US\$100 for each COVID-19 test, on the first day of arrival in Cambodia and again on the 13th day of being in Cambodia. This amount will be deducted from their bank deposit (see *Technical Update* (July 2020): "Travel and Immigration – [Entry Requirements and Quarantine Measures in Response to the Spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)," a publication of the KPMG International member firm in Cambodia).
- The MoH will return the balance of the bank deposit within three days of the second COVID-19 test showing a negative result.

This testing fee payment and return of deposit measures are effective 1 September 2020.

FOOTNOTES:

1 See [MoH Announcement](#), "Revision of Entry Requirements for Foreign Travelers to Cambodia," 4 August 2020.

2 See MoH Announcement, "Temporary Suspension of Flights from Malaysia and Indonesia," 25 July 2020; MoH Announcement, "Temporary Suspension of Flights from the Philippines," 11 August 2020.

3 See MoH Announcement, "COVID-19 testing fee payment mechanism and return of traveler deposits," 31 August 2020.

RELATED RESOURCE:

For the full report, see "[Revision of Entry Requirements for Foreign Travelers to Cambodia](#)" (September 2020) in *Technical Update*, a publication of the KPMG International member firm in Cambodia.

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