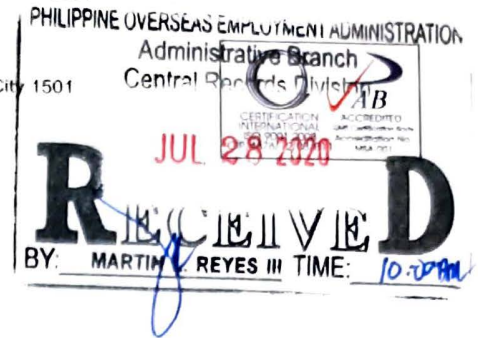




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State of Qatar Imposes Travel Policies

A statement issued by the government communications office of Qatar dated 21 June 2020 on the gradual lifting of restrictions concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, advises the public of the travel policies for the state of Qatar which will take effect on 01 August 2020, as follows:


1. All accredited airlines must adhere to the government statement contents and abide with the instructions for acceptance of passengers arriving to Hamad International Airport on board their flights as published by the government communications office which clarifies procedures and categories of countries as per the risk factor, putting in consideration that all arriving passengers have to install "EHTERAZ" application on their cellular phones.
2. **Countries of Low Risk Factor** (a list attached with the low-risk countries that will be updated every two weeks on the Ministry of Public Health website) Passengers arriving from low-risk countries are accepted on board flights heading to Hamad International Airport, and must be informed about the following:
 - a. Passengers will be required to do a PCR test upon arrival to the airport.
 - b. Sign a commitment for one-week self-quarantine.
 - c. Passenger will proceed to one of the accredited health centers by the end of the one-week self-quarantine to do the PCR test. The passengers will then follow the rest of procedures published on the Ministry of Public Health website based on the results of the PCR test.
 - d. Passenger will be exempted from doing the PCR test upon arrival to the Airport in case the person is carrying a (COVID-19) Disease-Free certificate from an accredited medical center from the country of his departure, provided that the date of this certificate does not exceed 48 hours prior to the travel time.
3. **Other countries not included in the low risk list and do not have accredited medical centers for COVID-19 test.** Passengers arriving from such countries are accepted on board flights heading to Hamad International Airport and must be informed about the following:
 - a. To book a quarantine hotel for one week through "Discover Qatar" website, before arriving to the state of Qatar.

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- b. Passenger will do a PCR test on day six of the hotel quarantine. The passengers will then follow the rest of procedures published on the Ministry of Public Health website based on the results of the PCR test.
- c. Passenger will be exempted from doing the PCR test upon arrival to the Airport in case the person is carrying a (COVID-19) Disease-Free certificate from an accredited medical center from the country of his departure, provided that the date of this certificate **does not exceed 48 hours prior to the travel time** and that arriving passengers will be committed to one-week self-quarantine under same conditions as passengers coming from low-risk countries.
4. **For Qatari Nationals, their spouses, their husbands, their children, and holders of permanent residency:**
- a. They can freely travel and return at any time, provided that they follow the above-mentioned instructions according to the country where they are coming from.
- b. Passengers subject to the above-mentioned condition of hotel- quarantine will be exempted from bearing the cost of the hotel, in case they are having overseas medical treatment at state expenses, same as their registered companions, as well as officials on duty travels since their sponsors will duly bear the cost of the hotel.
5. **Residents in Qatar.** Residents of Qatar will be allowed to return to state of Qatar effective 01 August 2020, by getting a Return Permit through "**Qatar Portal**".
6. **Passengers Required of Self-Quarantine (Home Quarantine).** The Qatar Ministry of Public Health had identified categories of passengers that are required of self-quarantine, regardless of the country of arrival. These categories are published through the Ministry of Public Health website.

Further information are provided and updated at the Ministry of Public Health official website: <https://covid19.moph.gov.qa>

For the guidance and information of all concerned.


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