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**Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) Registration and Approval Not Required for Resident Visa Holders Entering Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Sharjah, Ras Al Khaimah, Ajman and Umm Al Quwain in United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

The National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority (NCEMA) and the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) of the UAE approved the second phase of the Resident Return Programme. Commenced on 12 August 2020, the said phase of the programme does not require the registration and approval of ICA for returning residents to Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Sharjah, Ras Al Khaimah, Ajman and Umm Al Quwain.

The NCEMA advises residents to update their data (UAE ID number, passport number and citizenship at the portal [uaecent.y.ica.gov.ae](http://uaecent.y.ica.gov.ae)) to facilitate their travel to UAE. This process will ensure the validity of their resident visa. Once a resident receives a "green message" from ICA, he/she is ready to purchase a ticket. If a resident receives a "red message", he/she may have to defer travel plans for up to 60 days.

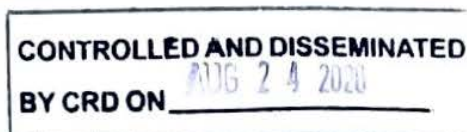
Prior to return to the Emirates, residents must take a mandatory PCR test through accredited testing laboratory in the Philippines for a period not exceeding 96 hours prior to departure. The negative PCR test result should be presented to the airlines upon check-in. Another PCR test will be conducted upon arrival in UAE. Residents are advised to download the Al-Hosn application for health and safety purposes. Please refer to the attached infographics from the ICA.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

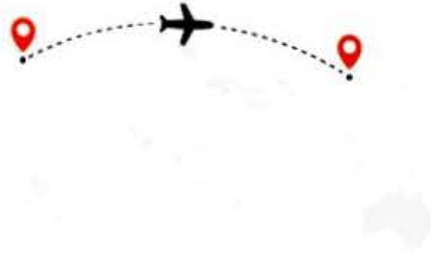
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Sources: POLO Abu Dhabi communication dated 20 August 2020  
UAE National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority at [nccma.gov.ae](http://nccma.gov.ae)  
UAE Government Portal



## Procedures for residents' arrival from outside the UAE



1

**Updating data**  
(Emirates ID number,  
passport number,  
and citizenship)  
on [uaeentry.ica.gov.ae](http://uaeentry.ica.gov.ae)



2

Travelers are required  
to take a COVID-19 PCR test  
at an accredited lab.  
The test result must be  
**negative** for no more than  
**96 hours before departure**



3

**Book  
return ticket**



4

Present the  
COVID-19 negative  
certificate  
to air carriers



5

**Take a lab  
COVID test**  
upon arrival



6

Download  
**Al-Hosn  
Mobile App**



7

**Abide by quarantine rules**  
as per the established procedures

