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# **GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION TO EXIT THE COUNTRY FOR CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The guidelines for application to exit the country for citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam has been updated.
2. Exit country travel bans have been made effective from 16 March 2020 for the following:
  - 2.1 Brunei Darussalam citizens;
  - 2.2 Permanent residents holding purple Identity Card;
  - 2.3 Foreign nationals holding Green Identity Cards and valid immigration passes;
  - 2.4 Spouse and children of 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 who are residing in Brunei Darussalam holding Certificates of Identity.
3. These guidelines will outline the terms and procedure for exit country application for specific reasons during the global COVID-19 pandemic.



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### ASSESSMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

4. Citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam are banned from traveling out of the country except for urgent circumstances among others as follows:

#### A. REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE:

- 4.1 Requirement to **appear in court abroad for case mentions or trial following a court order overseas** for a criminal case, or as a witness (including crimes under the Syariah or Civil Courts) with the endorsement of relevant authorities at home or abroad;
- 4.2 Requirement for **urgent medical treatment abroad with the endorsement** of the Ministry of Health of Brunei Darussalam;
- 4.3 For **reasons of studying abroad with the endorsement** of the relevant parties at home or abroad;
- 4.4 Bruneian citizens and residents of Brunei (Yellow, Purple and Green Identity Card holders) **residing outside Brunei Darussalam and commuting to work into this country by land OR anyone residing in Brunei Darussalam and commuting to work abroad by land.** Approval will be subject to the following terms:
  - i. To undergo COVID-19 POCT Test before obtaining approval from PMO;
  - ii. If POCT test result is found to be positive, applicant is required to undergo COVID-19 PCR Test every three (3) months; and



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- iii. If POCT test is found to be negative, applicant is required to undergo COVID-19 PCR Test once a month  
(Costs incurred for COVID-19 POCT and PCR Tests will be BND50 per test)

Approval will be granted for a **30-day period only and will need to re-apply if needed**; and

- 4.5 **Registered businesses and transport operators** travelling for the purposes of **transporting and delivering goods and commodities** shall be granted approval for a **thirty (30) day period for a point-to-point transportation** or **one (1) day period for checkpoint exchanges**, depending on the nature of goods and commodities and subject to health regulations, and **will need to reapply if needed** as outlined in the "**Guidelines for Transport Operators and Runners Exiting Brunei Darussalam During the COVID-19 Situation**" which can be found on the Prime Minister's Office website.

### **B. DOES NOT REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

- 4.6 **Foreign nationals holding a short-term immigration pass and not holding a Green Identity Card** including Social Visit Visa, Student Visa, Professional Visit Visa, Business Visit Visa who wish to **return to their home country**. They will need to present a flight ticket to their home country if traveling by air; and
- 4.7 **Foreign nationals with a revoked Employment Pass and a terminated contract by their employees who wish to return to**



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**their home country.** They will need to present proof of the cancellation of the Work Pass at the Brunei Darussalam control posts.

5. In assessing the application, the Prime Minister's Office may refer to relevant agencies for their views and endorsement where necessary.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

6. Citizens and residents who wish to exit the country shall submit their applications online at:

<https://www.form.gov.bn/TravelApplicationA/Pages/Travel-Application-Form.aspx>.

The applicant shall select the relevant online form and upload required supporting documents.

7. Each application will be given a reference number and the outcome of the application will be emailed to the applicant.

8. The applicant may check the status of their application and make necessary amendments if required (for example change of date of travel of an application that has already been approved or is still pending approval) via:

<https://www.form.gov.bn/TravelApplicationA/Pages/Travel-Application-Status.aspx>

by entering their reference number.

9. Complete applications should be done online at least **three (3) working days** before the intended date of travel.



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### **FOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES IN STATUTORY BOARDS**

10. For civil servants, employees of Statutory Boards and Royal Brunei Armed Forces applications must first be assessed by the respective Permanent Secretary of the Ministry or Commander or Head of Agency (for Statutory Boards) or Vice Chancellor / Ra'ees (for higher education institutes personnel) with their endorsement before being forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office for approval.

### **FOR TRANSPORT OPERATORS AND RUNNERS REGISTERED IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

11. Only Registered transport Operators and runners transporting all goods belonging to companies or individuals, by means of the respective companies' existing registered commercial vehicle(s) suitable for the purpose, may submit application for exit country to the Prime Minister's Office for approval.

12. Transport Operators and runners registered in Brunei Darussalam must adhere to the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health and other relevant authorities as well as those outlined in the "Guidelines for Transport Operators and Runners Exiting



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Brunei Darussalam During the COVID-19 Situation" available via the link:  
<http://www.pmo.gov.bn>

### **UPON OBTAINING APPROVAL**

13. Upon obtaining approval and traveling out of Brunei, Bruneian citizens and permanent residents are required to e-register at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website via the link: [http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/eRegister\\_desc.aspx](http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/eRegister_desc.aspx)