



Updated Notice on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 (21:30 hrs) regarding the Suspension of Visa-on-arrival and Entry-exit Control Measures

The Government of Nepal is monitoring the spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19). Taking into account the global recommendations and measures of the WHO, the Government of Nepal has decided to temporarily suspend visa-on-arrival for the nationals which will be in effect from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, for the first five countries from serial number 1-5, whereas the countries listed in number 6, 7 and 8 will be effective from 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to till the date of further notice:

1. People's Republic of China, including Special Administrative Regions
2. Islamic Republic of Iran
3. Italy
4. Republic of Korea
5. Japan
6. France
7. Germany
8. Spain

However, nationals from these countries, willing to visit Nepal can obtain visa beforehand from the Nepali missions abroad. Those applicants and also the nationals transiting from these countries bound to arrive Nepal are required to submit a recently issued health certificate stating that they are not infected by COVID-19 along with their visa applications. The aforementioned health certificate will be scrutinized both at the immigration at the airport in Kathmandu and the land border entry-exit points of Nepal.

Nationals from aforementioned eight nationalities are strongly recommended to use the Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu, the only entry-exit point that will be remaining open for arrival and departure in Nepal. Rest of the land POE (Point of Entry and Exit) in Nepal are temporarily suspended till the date of further notice. The Airlines operators and travel/tour operators bound to Nepal are strongly directed to manage the travelling route accordingly.

The Nationals of those eight countries who already got the prior visa from the missions and embassies of Nepal abroad are also suggested to produce health certificate that proves COVID-19 Negative is must be carried along with the travel documents. The Health certificate must be recently produced, maximum seven days earlier before the time of arrival in Nepal.

The Nepali Missions abroad are requested to deal the visa matters accordingly. A specific directive and circular for the Missions will be shortly circulated through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in purview of this Notice.

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