

COVID 19 update – 30 July 2021

GREEN PASS: urgent measures to deal with the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19

From 6 August, it will be possible to carry out various activities only if you have a Green Pass (inoculation of at least the first dose of the vaccine or healing; valid for 6 months) or a negative molecular or antigen test (valid for 48 hours).

The Green Pass will be required in order to carry out and/or access the following:

- Catering services carried out for consumption indoors
- Shows open to the public, sporting events and competitions
- Museums, other institutes and places of culture and exhibitions;
- Swimming pools, swimming centres, gyms, team sports, wellness centres, even within accommodation facilities, limited to indoor activities;
- Festivals and tradeshow, conferences and congresses;
- SPAs, thermal centres and amusement parks;
- Cultural centres, social and recreational centres, limited to indoor activities and with the exception of educational centres for children, summer centres and related catering activities
- Activity of gaming rooms, betting centres, bingo halls and casinos
- Public competitions.

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EU COVID-19 Vaccine Passport/Certificate

The EU COVID-19 Vaccine Passport/Certificate is a one-piece document that can be issued to a traveller in both a paper and digital format.

Depending on the traveller's status, there are three types of EU's COVID-19 passport:

- Vaccination passport
- Test certificate
- Recovery certificate

Those holding such a document will be able to travel throughout Europe without the need to quarantine or test for COVID-19 (though the Member States may impose such restrictions on particular countries with a higher COVID-19 rate).

What is a Vaccination Passport?

The EU COVID Vaccination Passport will be issued to all those who have been fully vaccinated against the Coronavirus, with one of the four vaccines approved by the European Medicine Agency, which are:

- Comirnaty (BioNTech, Pfizer)
- Moderna
- Vaxzevria (previously COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, Oxford)
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)

The certificate will prove that its holder has been vaccinated while also containing additional information on the vaccine, as when the doses were administered, who is the manufacturer, etc.

The Commission has also permitted the Member States to issue certificates for travellers vaccinated with vaccines other than those approved by the EMA. However, the decision is up to each individual Member State if they want to permit entry for those vaccinated with such vaccines or not.

What is a Recovery Certificate?

Travellers who have recently been infected with COVID-19, and recovered from it, should also be permitted to travel with an EU COVID travel certificate.

“The EU Digital Covid Certificate of recovery confirms that the holder has recovered from a SARS-CoV-2 infection following a positive test. It should be issued no earlier than 11 days after the first positive test,” the Commission explains.

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However, the Commission also points out that tests that detect if a person developed antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 – also known as antibodies tests – cannot be used to obtain a recovery certificate.

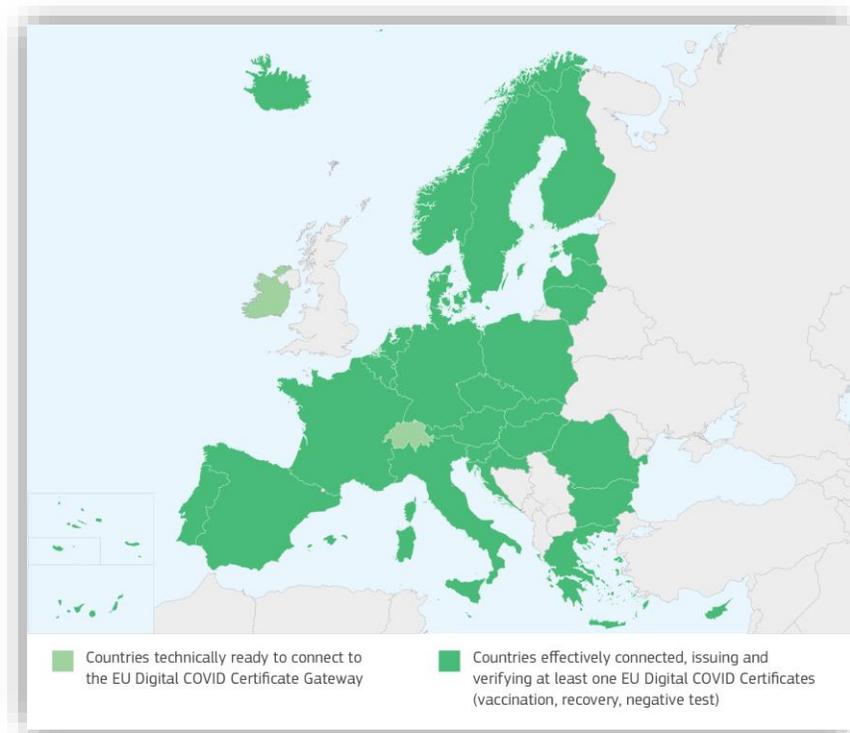
What is a Test Certificate?

All travellers who test for COVID-19 with PCR or Rapid Antigen test, and result negative, can obtain an EU COVID certificate.

“A separate certificate will be issued for each test and will not contain any data from previous certificates,” the Commission notes.

The EU has not yet come with a common timeframe within which these tests must be taken, therefore, it is up to the Member States to decide.

Which EU countries are set to adopt the COVID-19 Vaccination Passport?



As seen in this map, all European Union Member States and Schengen Area countries, aside from Ireland, are implementing the EU COVID-19 vaccination passport. Since the publication of this map, Switzerland has also started to implement the document.

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What does the Vaccine Passport look like?

In spite of a widely spread opinion that the certificates will look like a regular travel passport, in fact, it is a one-page document, issued in digital format and printable.

Travellers are able to show them to the border guards, either in paper format or in their smartphones or tablets, up to their choice.

Every certificate contains a unique machine-readable QR code through which it is possible to securely verify the authenticity, integrity and validity of the certificate, as well as a digital signature. The certificates are issued in two languages, in English and the official language(s) of the issuing country.



What information does the document contain?

Every certificate contains the following information on the holder:

- Name & surname
- Date of birth
- The Member State issuing the certificate
- QR code

Each certificate contains the following additional information on the travellers, depending on his/her immunity status:

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- For vaccinated travellers: the name of the vaccine and manufacturer, number of doses administered, date(s) of vaccination
- For tested travellers: type of test, date and exact time of test, name of the test centre and the results
- For travellers who have recovered from the virus: date of the positive test result, the name of the issuer of the certificate, date of issuance, validity date

Where can I obtain my EU Vaccine Passport?

Every EU citizen can obtain a certificate in the country where they receive the vaccine. The certificates are issued by qualified bodies in each EU and Schengen country. These bodies could be hospitals, test centres, health authorities, etc.

As per third-country citizens who may be eligible to apply to obtain the certificate, they should apply for such a document through their destination Member State.

How can I use the EU Vaccination Passport?

When travelling within the EU, you will need to carry your certificate with you - in digital or paper format. You will need to present this at the border controls that you encounter when travelling.

The certificates contain their own digital signature key, which is part of the QR code, in order to prevent their falsification.

The verification has been made possible through a gateway build by the EU Commission, which is now connected to the national systems of the Member States.





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How long will this document be needed?

The scheme has been running since July 1, 2021, and is set to end on June 31, 2022.

Until mid-August, there will be a phase-in period, so that the Member States can develop the capacity to issue their own EU Digital COVID certificates if they are unable to do so by July 1.

If needed, the scheme can run longer than one year.

What About Those Who Have Already Been Vaccinated?

All travellers who have been vaccinated before July 1, 2021 are still eligible to apply for the EU Vaccination Passport/Certificate.

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