

## **Bermuda Travel Authorisation FAQs**

### **1. Is Travel Authorisation required for all travel to Bermuda?**

Yes, all visitors and residents must apply for Travel Authorisation if travelling to Bermuda. For those travelling by sea, this is required whether or not you intend to come ashore when you get to Bermuda.

### **2. Are unimmunised visitors permitted entry into Bermuda?**

Visitors aged 12 years and older must be fully vaccinated in order to travel to and enter Bermuda. Unvaccinated visitors 11 years and younger travelling with vaccinated parents/guardians can travel to Bermuda as well. While all visitors must have either a COVID-19 NAAT (PCR, LAMP or TMA) test no more than 4 days before arrival (if travelling by air) or before departure (if travelling by sea) **or** a supervised antigen test no more than 2 days before arrival (if travelling by air) or before departure (if travelling by sea), *only the COVID-19 NAAT test is accepted for unvaccinated visitors.*

### **3. What vaccines are approved for travel to Bermuda?**

We accept these vaccines:

Pfizer BioNTech (2 doses)  
AstraZeneca (2 doses)  
Serum Institute of India (2 doses)  
Jansen/Johnson & Johnson (1 dose)  
Moderna (2 doses)  
Sinopharm/BIBP (2 doses)  
Sinovac (2 doses)

A full course of the vaccine is the required number of doses + 14 days.

### **4. Are mixed vaccines accepted?**

Yes, mixed vaccines are accepted as long as at least 2 of the vaccines are on the approved list (see question 2 above).

### **5. How do I apply for a medical exemption?**

You can apply for a medical exemption by following the instructions here:  
<https://www.gov.bm/are-you-unimmunised>

### **6. How early can I apply for Travel Authorisation?**

You can apply for Travel Authorisation a month in advance of departure.

## 7. How close to departure can I apply for Travel Authorisation?

Early application is strongly recommended. To avoid the **risk** of being denied boarding, apply for your Travel Authorisation at least 24hrs before your day of departure. If you are a cruise ship passenger you must apply for Travel Authorisation whether you intend to come ashore in Bermuda or not.

## 8. When are Travel Authorisation applications reviewed?

Travel Authorisation applications are reviewed daily between 8am and 8pm.

## 9. What do I do if my cruise date is not on the website?

This means that the website has not been updated to include your cruise date. Please be patient and wait until the website updates with your date.

## 10. What is a 'provisional' green waiver?

A provisional green waiver is specific to cruise passengers. The provisional status is granted if you apply for Travel Authorisation and upload proof of being fully vaccinated. It facilitates the boarding process. You must still upload your pre-departure negative test result to get full approval.

## 11. When can I expect to receive my Travel Authorisation?

Approval times can vary based on the influx of passengers arriving in Bermuda. Please be patient if you do not receive an instant response. **Travelers arriving by air the next day are prioritised at all times. Travellers arriving by sea are prioritised in accordance with their departure date.**

## 12. How do I count the days for my pre-arrival test? Do I count the hours?

If travelling by air, your arrival day in Bermuda is Day 0. If travelling by sea, your departure day is Day 0. The hours are not counted. This means if your flight arrives in Bermuda on a Friday or your ship departs on a Friday, a supervised antigen test done no more than 2 days before would be done on the Wednesday.

## 13. What is considered a supervised Antigen test?

A supervised Antigen test is either administered at a pharmacy or clinic, or self-administered with observation via a telehealth service. The results must include everything we require on the molecular test results.

#### **14. Why haven't I received a secondary email to upload my Covid test?**

If, by mistake, you upload your vaccination card or certificate in the place reserved for your test result, the system will recognise your vaccination as a "test", and you will not receive an automatic reminder. If this happens to you, please contact us via phone on (+441) 444 2498 or toll-free +(833) 570 2594, or send your documents to [taapprovals@gov.bm](mailto:taapprovals@gov.bm) and we can trigger this email for you.

#### **15. I'm a Bermuda resident. Do I have to quarantine if I don't take a pre-travel test?**

You will only need to quarantine for 4 days upon arrival if you are unvaccinated. A Day 4 test will be automatically booked for you. All Bermuda residents without a pre-travel test will be tested on arrival at the airport or port.

#### **16. What do I do if my flight is cancelled by the airline and I am arriving on a different day?**

We recognise airlines are cancelling flights on short notice due to the continued impact of the pandemic. If you do not develop symptoms and arrive on the next available flight arranged by your airline, you will not have to do any further pre-arrival testing. However, you may be directed to undertake a Rapid Antigen test upon arrival at L. F. Wade International Airport and await results before leaving the airport. The helpline can assist you with changing the arrival date on your Travel Authorisation. To do this, you can contact us via phone on (+441) 444 2498 or toll-free (833) 570 2594, or send your request to [taapprovals@gov.bm](mailto:taapprovals@gov.bm). Note: If you are arriving on a different day because you changed your flight – and the airline did not cancel/re-book your flight – then you are responsible for obtaining a new pre-arrival test.

#### **17. How do I arrange an outbound test?**

**Visitors:** Outbound antigen tests are automatically scheduled for visitors 24 hours prior to the departure date listed on their Travel Authorisation. If a visitor requires a PCR test to get to their final destination and they have indicated this on their Travel Authorisation application, an outbound PCR test will be booked 48 hours prior to their departure date, instead of the outbound antigen test.

**Residents:** Residents who require a COVID-19 test to meet their destination's travel testing requirement can schedule a COVID-19 test online at <https://www.gov.bm/coronavirus-get-tested>. Washington Mall will continue to be available for outbound tests in early May. Alternatively, residents can book an outbound test at one of the private labs on island: Helix Genetic and Scientific Solutions ([helixbermuda.bm](http://helixbermuda.bm)), C&S West Limited ([cswest.bm](http://cswest.bm)) or Northshore Medical and Aesthetic Services ([nmac.bm](http://nmac.bm)). These labs are certified to carry out COVID-19 testing and diagnostics. Pharmacies will soon be offering supervised antigen testing for travel and general "know your status" purposes as well.

**18. What do I do if my outbound test is not automatically booked?**

Visitors can request a test to be booked by calling us directly on (+441)-444-2498 or emailing [coronavirus@gov.bm](mailto:coronavirus@gov.bm)

**19. Who can I email if I am experiencing issues?**

For general queries you can email [coronavirus@gov.bm](mailto:coronavirus@gov.bm). For Travel Authorisation queries please email [taapprovals@gov.bm](mailto:taapprovals@gov.bm)