



Entry Rules to Hungary

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Entry rules in force

General exemption categories:

Regardless of the passenger's citizenship, the restrictions of entering Hungary do not apply to travellers:

- holding an **EU Digital COVID certificate**;
- **recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months** from the date of entry;
- holding a **Hungarian immunity certificate** and their accompanying minor children (only if they travel together);
- holding an **immunity certificate that is recognized by Hungary** based on unilateral/bilateral agreements, and their accompanying minor children (only if they travel together);
- persons reporting to entry holding a private passport or other travel document for the purpose of official visit (the purpose of official visit shall be proved with documents);
- arriving to Hungary through land borders from Croatia, Austria, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, excluding the case of entry by civil aircraft;
- **presenting a negative PCR result** in English or in Hungarian, performed within 72 hours from the time of entry, in one of the following countries:
 - EU or EU candidate states;
 - OECD member states;
 - NATO member states;
 - Russia;
 - China;
 - United Arab Emirates;
 - Bahrain;
 - member states of The Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States.
- crossing the border in relation to freight traffic;
- crossing the border with a diplomatic passport, foreign service passport, service passport and seaman's passport.

Travellers fulfilling one of the above-mentioned criteria do not need any permission in order to enter Hungary, they do not need to go into isolation, and their length of stay is not limited.

Passengers can enter Hungary by road, rail and waterway from Croatia, Austria, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine without any epidemiological restrictions, regardless of nationality and coronavirus immunity, but (s)he must have other general conditions for entry (e.g. a valid travel document).



Travel restrictions based on citizenship and purpose of stay:

Non-Hungarian citizens can enter Hungary only in exceptional cases depending on the purpose of stay.

- The entry of non-Hungarian travellers **not falling into the general exemption categories** (see above), **or the essential and special entry purpose categories** (listed below) **is currently not allowed**. Tourism is considered as a non-essential purpose of entry.
- Non-Hungarian travellers **with an entry purpose listed below are allowed to enter Hungary if they hold an entry permit issued by the Hungarian Police**. No prior PCR test is needed. The permit holders must go into isolation for 10 days, that can be shortened by performing 2x PCR tests in Hungary. These are:
 - attending a court hearing;
 - receiving medical treatment;
 - completing studies or exam obligations (certified by the education institution);
 - transport related work activities;
 - participating at a family event (wedding, funeral);
 - caregiving to a family member;
 - or any other, duly justified case that can be approved on equity bases.

The **entry permit** can be received by submitting an online application on the Hungarian Police's website: <https://ugyintezes.police.hu/en/uj-ugy-inditasa/>.

Citizens of neighbouring states and Hungarian citizens living there may enter the territory within a distance of 30 kilometres from the state border for a maximum of 24 hours, but they may not leave this lane.

The EU Digital COVID Certificate shall be considered **equivalent to the Hungarian immunity certificate**. When proving immunity with an EU Digital COVID Certificate, the ID document of the foreign citizen may also be required.

Mutual acceptance of immunity certificates is declared in the decree of the minister in charge of foreign policy, issued in agreement with the minister in charge of border policing. According to this regulation, Hungary has agreed on the mutual acceptance of immunity certificates with the following countries: Albania, Bahrain, the Republic of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Croatia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia, Uzbekistan, and Ukraine.



Business travel

Non-Hungarian nationals may enter the territory of Hungary **for economic or business purposes** – subject to the exception below – only in exceptional cases, and exemption to the rules of entry may only be granted by the appropriate police agency at the point of entry into Hungary, or at the 18th District Police Station of the Budapest Police Headquarters upon entry at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport.

If the national of:

- a) a Member State of the European Union,
 - b) other states that are signatories of the Agreement on the European Economic Area, other than those under clause a),
 - c) a state with a legal status equivalent to that of a state that is party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area in relation to the freedom of movement and the right of residence, pursuant to an international agreement entered into by and between the European Community and its member states and with states not party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area,
 - d) candidate states of the European Union,
 - e) the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 - f) from a state designated by decree by the minister in charge of foreign policy, in agreement with the minister in charge of border policing, other than those listed in clauses a)–e),
- or a person authorised to stay in such state for more than 90 days, enters Hungary for economic or business purposes, which they prove upon entry to the territory of Hungary, they may enter the territory of Hungary without restriction.

Sources:

<https://reopen.europa.eu/en>

<https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/utazas-a-vedettsegi-igazolvannyal>

<http://www.police.hu/en/content/information-on-general-rules-of-border-crossing>