



COVID-19 – Standards for the Validity of Vaccine Certificates, Recovery Certificates and Test Certificates for the purpose of Travel to Malta.

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Applicability

The following standards are issued under the Public Health Act Chapter 465 of the Laws of Malta and require strict adherence. Failure to adhere to these standards will result in enforcement procedures, as provided by the Act and the subsidiary legislation. The applicable legislation is S.L. 465.72 Travel requirements Order, 2022. For additional requirements on incoming travel-related requirements please refer to Standards for Quarantine for travellers entering the Maltese Islands.

Definitions

Primary Schedule of a COVID-19 vaccine refers to the initial course of vaccination as recommended by the manufacturer e.g. two doses of Spikevax (Moderna), two doses of Comirnaty (Pfizer), two doses of Vaxzevria (Astrazeneca), two doses of Nuvaxovid (Novavax), one dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. A list of EMA approved vaccines can be found [here](#). Vaccines approved by WHO for Emergency Use Listing (EUL) can be found [here](#). Vaccination with two different EMA-approved vaccine is also considered a complete primary vaccination schedule¹

Booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine refers to additional vaccine dose or doses administered following a full and completed primary course of vaccination



Proof of Vaccination

A valid certificate is where at least 14 and no more than 270 days have passed since the last dose of the primary vaccination series or if the person has received a booster dose.

For persons aged less than 18 years this validity period is not applicable.

Malta accepts Vaccine certificates for:

1. COVID-19 vaccines that have been granted a marketing authorisation pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council
2. Vaccines having completed the emergency listing procedure of the World Health Organisation (WHO) as long as these are supplemented by a valid proof of a negative real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test obtained no more than 72 hours before arrival (as per conditions below).

Types of Vaccine certificates accepted:

1. EU Digital COVID certificate (EUDCC)
2. Vaccine certificate having been recognised as equivalent to EU Digital COVID certificate based on EU equivalence decisions issued by the European Commission.
3. Vaccine certificates as listed in the Government Gazette by Superintendent of Public Health. This list can be found [here](#)

Proof of Recovery

A certificate of recovery indicating that no more than 180 days have passed since date of the first positive test (and no more than 180 days prior to arrival) on:

1. EU Digital COVID certificate
2. Digital COVID certificate having been recognised as equivalent to EU Digital COVID certificate based on EU equivalence decisions issued by the European Commission.
3. Any other recovery certificate -Test Certificate of a positive PCR test of not more than 180 days and not less than 14 days prior to travel as long as this is supplemented by a valid proof of a negative real-time



polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test obtained no more than 72 hours before arrival (as per conditions below).

Test Certificate

Test certificate on

1. EU Digital COVID certificate
2. Digital COVID certificate having been recognised as equivalent to EU Digital COVID certificate based on EU equivalence decisions issued by the European Commission.

Negative PCR test result obtained no more than 72 hours before arrival or a negative rapid antigen test obtained no more than 24 hours before arrival. RAT tests applicable are only those which featured in the common list established on the basis of Council Recommendation 2021/C 24/01 and which is carried out by health professionals or by skilled testing personnel provided it is in the format of the EU Digital COVID certificate.

3. Any other test certificate with a Negative PCR test result obtained no more than 72 hours before arrival issued from an accredited lab in English. If unavailable in English, an English translation certified by the laboratory or a medical doctor is to be presented.

RAT tests are not accepted unless on the EU digital COVID certificate format

Results from self-testing are not accepted.

Quarantine and testing

Travellers who do not hold valid proof of vaccination, proof of recovery from COVID-19 or a negative result as indicated above will be subject to quarantine as per S.L. 465.72 Travel Requirements Order 2022.

Children younger than 6 years are exempt from pre-departure testing requirements.

The Maltese Authorities may require to perform tests upon entry and random checks at point of Entry will be carried out.



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