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# COVID-19 – Standards for the Validity of Vaccine Certificates recognised by the Maltese Authorities

## 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. 465.65, Vaccination against COVID-19 Certificate Order, 2021

These standards are applicable in all instances and circumstances where vaccine certificates are required as part of the public health measures to mitigate against the transmission of COVID-19, including local quarantine/isolation measures and policies and all travel related measures and policies.

For additional information regarding isolation and quarantine measures, refer to [Standards for Isolation and Quarantine](#) (Effective 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022). For additional information on incoming travel-related requirements please refer to [Standards for Quarantine for travellers entering the Maltese Islands](#) (Effective 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022).

## 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. EMA approved vaccines can be found [here](#). Vaccine 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 schedule

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

**Recognised Vaccine Certificate** is one which is notified by the Superintendent of Public Health in the Government Gazette and this includes those listed below under the relevant heading.

## Vaccines accepted for use in Malta by the Superintendent of Public Health

### EMA Approved Vaccines

Vaccines accepted by the Superintendent of Public Health include EMA approved vaccines. The list of EMA approved vaccines can be found [here](#)

### WHO approved vaccines

Recognised vaccine certificates with vaccines listed in the [emergency use listing of WHO](#) are also accepted. For travel purposes, these vaccines are accepted provided that travellers also present a negative PCR taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Malta.

## Vaccine certificate validity as issued by the Maltese Authorities

For Adults aged 18 years and over:

- primary schedule with last dose administered not more than 3 months previously

OR

- primary schedule and booster with last dose of booster administered not more than 9 months previously

For under 18 years:

- primary schedule

The vaccine certificate starts to be valid 14 days from the last dose of the primary schedule or booster dose.

## Vaccine certificate validity as issued by foreign jurisdictions

These are considered to be valid if they fulfil the following criteria:

- The vaccine certificate is notified by the Superintendent of Public Health in the Government Gazette as being recognised vaccination certificates

and

- 14 days have elapsed from the last dose.
- Vaccination was with one of the following vaccines of permutations as indicated hereunder:

**EMA-approved vaccines** (including Comirnaty [Pfizer], Janssen [Johnson & Johnson], Spikevax [Moderna], Vaxzevria [AstraZeneca]), Nuvaxovid (Novovax). The list of EMA-approved vaccines can be accessed at this [link](#).

**Heterologous vaccination with 2 different vaccines which are either EMA approved or within WHO EUL** Certificates documenting vaccination with **2 different** are also accepted as valid.

**WHO EUL Primary Schedule + EMA Booster:** Primary full schedule with vaccines that have been accepted under [WHO Emergency Use Listing \(EUL\) Procedure](#), provided that a booster dose with an [EMA-approved vaccine](#) has been given.

**Recovery + one dose of EMA approved vaccine:** As of the 1st October 2021, the Maltese authorities have been accepting recognised vaccine certificates issued by foreign jurisdictions showing recovery from COVID followed by one dose of an EMA-approved vaccine, as per the vaccination policy of the issuing country, administered at least 14 days prior to arrival in Malta. This specific vaccination + recovery policy is not applicable to locally issued certificates since Malta does not accept recovery certificates.

It is important to note that in the case of incoming travel with vaccines that have been accepted under WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL) Procedure (provided that for vaccines that are not yet authorised by the EMA) the traveller also needs to present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to their arrival in Malta).

## Vaccine Certificates recognised by the Superintendent of Public Health

Validity requirements in terms of duration for foreign vaccine certificates are as per the validity established by the **administering country** issuing the certificate, provided that the last dose was administered **at least 14 days prior**.

The Superintendent of Public Health recognises the following vaccine certificates as published in the Government Gazette and regularly updated on [www.traveltomalta.gov.mt](http://www.traveltomalta.gov.mt)

- The Official Maltese vaccination certificate
- The EU Digital COVID vaccination certificate, issued by EU, EEA and non-EU countries and territories connected to the EUDCC gateway. The EU Digital COVID vaccination certificate now includes certificates from Albania, Andorra, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Vatican City.
- The Albanian Digital Covid Certificate // Certifikate dixhitale shqiptare COVID
- The Republic of Angola - Digital Certificate - Vaccination against COVID-19
- The Arab Republic of Egypt COVID-19 vaccine certificate
- The Ministerio de Salud, Argentina - Covid-19 Vaccination
- The Armenian "COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate" issued through the United Information System of Electronic Healthcare in the Republic of Armenia
- The Australian International COVID-19 Digital Certificate (Medicare Express Plus App also accepted)
- The Republic of Azerbaijan Vaccination card
- The Kingdom of Bahrain Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccination Certificate
- The Government of Bermuda Ministry of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate
- The Bosnia and Herzegovina - Republika Srpska - Certificate of the COVID-19 Vaccination
- The Bosnia and Herzegovina - COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate
- The Brazil - Certificado Nacional de Vacinação Covid-19 (using ConecteSUS app)
- The Canadian COVID-19 Provincial Immunisation Records, as verified by Verify app
- The Official Chile's Digital Vaccination Certificate
- The MiVacuna COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate – Colombia
- The Kingdom of Eswatini - COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate
- The Ministry of Health - Ethiopia Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination
- The Ghana Health Service COVID-19 Vaccination Card
- The Gibraltar, Jersey and Guernsey vaccination certificate
- The Government of India - Final Certificate for COVID-19 Vaccination
- The Iraq "COVID-19 Vaccination Card issued by Kurdistan Regional Government – Iraq
- The Ivory Coast COVID-19 Vaccination certificate (using maSante CI app)
- The Japanese Digital Vaccination Certificate for international travel. Non-digital Vaccination Certificate must be verified with VeriFLY application
- The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan COVID-19 Vaccination Certification (verified with Sanad Jo app)
- The Republic of Kenya - COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate
- The Republic of Kosovo Ministry of Health Vaccination Card for COVID-19
- The State of Kuwait Ministry of Health SARS-COV-2 Vaccination Certificate
- The Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate
- The Lebanese COVID-19 vaccination record card
- The Libyan - National Center for Disease Control - Libya State of Libya COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate
- The Malaysian -Covid 19 Digital certificate verified through MySejahtera App

- The Republic of Maldives covidSafe COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate (using covidSafe app)
- The Republic of Mauritius COVID-19 Vaccination Pass (as scanned using beSafeMoris app)
- The Moldovan "Vaccination Certificate" as issued by Moldova Ministry of Health
- The Nigeria COVID-19 Vaccination Certification Verification
- The Sultanate of Oman Immunisation Certificate for COVID-19
- The Government of Pakistan Immunisation Certificate for COVID-19
- The Palestinian Ministry of Health Vaccination Certificate
- The Republic of the Philippines International Certificate of Vaccination (with QR code)
- The Covid 19 vaccination certificate issued by the Ministry of Public Health, Doha, Qatar
- The Republic of Rwanda – covid19 vaccination certificate issued by Rwanda Biomedical centre (only on presentation of mobile phone number and respective code)
- The Saudi Arabia vaccine certificate issued by sehhaty.sa
- The Serbian "Digital Green Certificate" with a readable QR Code\*
- The Ministry of Health, Singapore Vaccination Certificate
- The Republic of South Africa COVID-19 e-vaccination certificate (using Verifly app)
- The South Korean "COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate-" as issued through the COOV App
- The Ministry of Health - Sri Lanka Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination
- The United Republic of Tanzania Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination
- The Turkish Vaccine certificate of full course of vaccination (all QR coded certificates)
- The UAE Al Hosn vaccine certificate
- The UAE Vaccine certificate issued by the Dubai Health Authorities with a readable QR Code
- The Republic of Uganda COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate
- The United Kingdom NHS (paper or digital) Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccination Certificate , including the Cayman Islands COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (SmartHealth)
- The United States CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card verified through the VeriFLY app.
- The Republic of Yemen COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate