

*** *The following summary is intended to serve as general information for those planning a trip to Hungary. Detailed rules and requirements are available in the relevant [government decree](#)*

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422/2020. (IX. 4.) Korm. rendelet A járványügyi készültségi időszak utazási korlátozásairól szóló 408/2020. (VIII. 30.) Korm. rendelet járványügyi utazási részletszabályaival kapcsolatos módosításáról [422 2020 Korm rendelet](#).

For further information in English please check the websites of the competent Hungarian authorities.

A regularly updated feed of information can be found at the official website of the Hungarian Government: <http://abouthungary.hu/news-in-brief/coronavirus-heres-the-latest/>.

As of 1 September, the Hungarian government introduced new entry requirements in order to prevent the import of the coronavirus from abroad. Border control has been temporarily reintroduced at the Austrian, Slovenian and Slovak border sections and at internal air border crossing points. Border crossing is only possible at designated border crossing points which are listed on the website of the Hungarian Police (see link below).

Entry requirements

AS GENERAL RULE, FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER HUNGARY. THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ARE EXEMPTED:

- Family member of a Hungarian citizen (official documentation, such as birth / marriage certificate may be required at the border);
- Persons entitled to permanent residence in Hungary (and their family members), provided that they can present their permanent residence card at the border;
- Persons holding a valid permit to reside for more than 90 days within the territory of Hungary issued by the immigration authority, who present the document upon entering the country;
- Military convoys;
- Business travelers between affiliated undertakings under certain circumstances;
- Cross-border workers (citizens of, and Hungarian citizens living in, neighboring states shall be entitled to enter the territory of Hungary to stay within 30 kilometers of the state border for a period of no more than 24 hours);
- Those who are travelling to Hungary to perform business or economic activity (and are able to credibly attest this at the border)
- Competitors or sport professionals of a Hungarian sport organization in accordance with the Sports Act, if he/she enters the territory of Hungary after participating in an international sports event organized abroad;

- Participants in an international sports event organized in Hungary, provided that, at the time of the entry, they hold 2 negative PCR test results in Hungarian or English language, carried out within 5 days with at least 48 hours apart;
- Persons who have a personal letter of invitation issued by the official organizer of a sports competition held in Hungary, provided that, at the time of the entry, they hold 2 negative PCR test results in Hungarian or English language, carried out within 5 days with at least 48 hours apart;
- Persons who arrive at the invitation of a Hungarian sports organization or national sports association as a competitor or sports technician or a person assisting in the conduct of the sports competition, provided that, at the time of the entry, they hold 2 negative PCR test results in Hungarian or English language, carried out within 5 days with at least 48 hours apart;
- Persons who participate in a cultural event organized in Hungary, as a performer or a member of the technical staff, provided that, at the time of the entry, they hold 2 negative PCR test results in Hungarian or English language, carried out within 5 days with at least 48 hours apart;
- A spectator of an international sports event or a cultural event organized in Hungary, provided that, at the time of the entry, they hold the ticket authorizing him to attend the event and a negative PCR test results in Hungarian or English language, carried out within 3 days before entry and they leave the territory of Hungary within 72 hours of entry;
- Transit (including air transit and land transit through the humanitarian travel corridor - see below), provided that they undergo health screening upon entry and the health screening does not establish suspicion of the infection;
- Border-crossing freight traffic;
- Persons who can provide credible evidence that have recovered from Covid-19 within six months before entering Hungary (a positive and a negative PCR /swab test is required);
- Border crossing with an official passport;
- Official visits (the purpose shall be proved with documents);

Those who are not exempted automatically may apply for a special entry permit to the Hungarian Police. The police may allow entry if the applicant provides evidence that the objective of entry is:

- participating in court or other authority proceedings;
- accessing healthcare services on the basis of a referral;
- fulfilling a study or examination obligation, with certification from an education institution;
- reaching the point of departure for cargo-related transit;
- participation in family events, e.g. wedding, funeral, baptism;

- caring for or nursing a relative as defined in the Hungarian Civil Code;
- participating in church events of major international importance
- any legitimate reason other than those specified above

Applications shall be submitted online directly to the Police at <http://www.police.hu/en/content/equity-request-to-enter-hungary>

If you need a visa to enter Hungary, please check the “Visa information” part of our website.

Self-isolation requirements

All people entering Hungary may be subject of a medical examination for COVID-19 (including a brief interview and temperature screening). Unless resident in Hungary, foreign nationals will be denied entry should they show signs of COVID-19.

Those who are not suspected of being infected will need to self-isolate for 10 days, or until they produce two negative PCR/swab tests within 5 days but at least 48 hours apart. Only tests performed in Hungary can be accepted. In case the foreign national has no place of residence in Hungary, they must enter quarantine at a government - designated location. Self-isolation is legally enforceable (authorities perform regular checks) and those who break the rules may be fined.

For the list of medical centers where PCR/ swab tests are available, please visit:

<https://www.nnk.gov.hu/index.php/koronavirus/mintavetel-celjabol-felkeresheto-intezmenyek-listaja>

Home tests are also available. Please note that children are not exempted from the testing requirement.