

Dear Duty Officer,

With effect from 29JUL2020, in accordance with the risk level of respective exemption categories, the HKSAR Government will tighten the testing and quarantine arrangement for air crew as set out below:

	Local (Hong Kong based) crew	Non-local (Non Hong Kong based) crew
<b>Categorization</b>	Operator should provide <b>each air crew</b> a letter certifying whether he/she is <b>a local or non-local based crew</b> <sup>1</sup> ( <a href="#">Template of Letter of Certification</a> )	
<b>Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-departure test at origin is NOT required</li> <li>Post- arrival (After arrived HK) test at TSCC is required for saliva sample submission but no need to wait for the result there</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scenario I</b> (Pre-departure test <sup>2</sup> at origin is conducted within 48 hours prior to boarding the flight to HK with negative result)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post- arrival (After arrived HK) test at TSCC is required for saliva sample submission but no need to wait for the result there</li> </ul> <p><b>Scenario II</b> (NO Pre-departure test at origin is conducted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post- arrival (After arrived HK) test at TSCC is required for saliva sample submission AND need to wait for the result there</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	Point-to-point transportation to be arranged by Operator/HKBAC between TSCC and accommodation. <sup>3</sup> (Must wear mask during the entire journey)	
<b>Accepted Accommodation</b>	Crew personal residence or hotel as agreed with Operator	Hotel as arranged by Operator which must inform hotel of crew status and self-isolation requirement <sup>4</sup>
<b>Self-isolation</b>	Crew must self-isolate for 48 hours or until the next flight, whichever is earlier	Crew must self-isolate at hotel room until departure from Hong Kong on their next flight
<b>Remarks</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crew in transit at VHHH (remain on board) is exempted from the above new requirement</li> <li>Same requirement will be implemented to position Crew as Passenger (not on GD/uniform) (With the exemption letter endorsed by HKBAC)</li> <li>The Department of Health may cancel an exemption granted to crew member if the exemption conditions are breached. Non-compliance will result in the mandatory quarantine of the crew member for 14 days.</li> <li>Please remind your crew members to keep physical copies of any Letters of Certification and test reports (if applicable) with them to present to Department of Health staff on arrival.</li> </ul>		
<b>1.</b> Those without a letter indicating whether he/she is a local or non-local based crew will be treated as a non-local based crew		
<b>2.</b> The negative result of SAR-CO V-2 nucleic acid test must be done at an ISO15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognized by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to boarding the flight to Hong Kong for duty. The Operator should declare that on a letter of certification ( <a href="#">Template</a> ). The air crew is required to present the test report and the letter of certification issued by the operator to staff of DH when he/she enters HK.		
<b>3.</b> Use of public transport including MTR, airport shuttle train and taxis <b>is prohibited</b> .		
<b>4.</b> Hotel must be informed to monitor crew activity so that they comply with self-isolation requirement at least 24 hours prior to department of the flight to Hong Kong. Hotel may consider providing crew with only one-time access to their rooms.		