

**Designation conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)
who need to commute to and from Mainland, Macao and Taiwan / foreign places for
performance of duties arriving at Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”)
(with effect from 21 November 2022)**

1. Each and every air crew member must comply with the conditions specified in this document. An air crew member who are not able to comply with any of the conditions herein will be subject to the arrangements applicable to general inbound persons.
2. **An air crew member is not allowed to be on board a flight to/from the Mainland/Macao according to his airline’s roster, if he has stayed in or been on board a flight (including a turnaround flight) to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his boarding the flight to/from the Mainland/Macao concerned.**

Pre-departure test requirements

3. If an air crew member arrives in Hong Kong by a flight from **(i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China** according to his airline’s roster, before boarding the flight, **he must possess a negative result of –**
 - (a) **a self-administered rapid antigen test (“RAT”) with his specimen collected in that place within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time** of the flight; or
 - (b) **a polymerase chain reaction (“PCR”)-based nucleic acid test conducted by a laboratory or healthcare institution in that place with samples collected within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time** of the flight.
4. Instead of following the requirement set out in Clause 3 above, if an air crew member is a **locally based air crew memberⁱ** returning to Hong Kong by a flight **between Hong Kong and (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China** according to his airline’s roster **without laying over in that place (i.e. a turnaround crew memberⁱⁱ)**, before boarding the flight in Hong Kong, **he must possess a negative result of –**
 - (a) **a self-administered RAT with his specimen collected within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time** of the outbound sector from Hong Kong to that place; or
 - (b) **a PCR-based nucleic acid test conducted by a laboratory or healthcare institution with samples collected within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time** of the outbound sector from Hong Kong to that place.
5. An air crew member on board a flight **from the Mainland/Macao** to Hong Kong according to his airline’s roster **is not required to take a pre-departure test.**

Vaccination requirement

6. A locally based air crew member, or a non-locally based air crew member who seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, **must have completed a COVID-19 vaccination courseⁱⁱⁱ**. In addition, one who is eligible to receive additional dose(s) of vaccines **is required to receive the 3rd dose (or equivalent, if he received / receives vaccines outside Hong Kong)** in accordance with the recommendations as published on the Government’s COVID-19 thematic

website as well as relevant guidelines.

Part I – Air crew who seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong

Requirements during layover

7. **During his layover in (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China** according to his airline’s roster, a locally based air crew member must –
- (a) avoid mask-off activities in public places save for eating/drinking; and
 - (b) refrain from going to crowded places (such as bars and pubs) and mass gathering.

Arrival test requirements

8. If an air crew member arrives in Hong Kong by **a flight to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China** according to his airline’s roster and seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, and if he has stayed or laid over in that place or (i) other places outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his arrival in Hong Kong, **he must take a SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test** at the TSCC upon his arrival at HKIA, and **must wait for his test result** at the TSCC (i.e. **“test and hold”**).
9. If a locally based air crew member arrives in Hong Kong by **a flight between Hong Kong and (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China** according to his airline’s roster and seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, and if he has NOT stayed nor laid over in that place nor (i) other places outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his arrival in Hong Kong (i.e. **a turnaround crew member**), **he must take a SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test** at the TSCC upon his arrival at HKIA, **but is not required to wait for the result** at the TSCC (i.e. **“test and go”**).
10. If an air crew member arrives in Hong Kong by **a flight to/from the Mainland/Macao** according to his airline’s roster (and has not stayed in nor been on board a flight to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his arrival in Hong Kong) and seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, **he is not required to take a SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test** at the DH’s TSCC upon his arrival at HKIA.

Self-isolation requirement

11. An air crew member who seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong **is not required to undergo self-isolation**.

Post-arrival test requirements

12. If an air crew member arrives in Hong Kong by **a flight to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China** according to his airline’s roster and seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, while he is in Hong Kong, he must be subject to –
- (a) **a PCR based nucleic acid test** using combined nasal and throat swabs (“CNTS”) or throat swab (“TS”) **daily from the 1st day until the 2nd day** following his arrival in Hong Kong^{iv}.

He is not required to undergo a PCR based nucleic acid test if he has a flight duty on a given day between the 1st day and the 2nd day following his arrival in Hong Kong; and

- (b) **a self-administered RAT daily** (even on the days on which a PCR-based nucleic acid test is conducted) **from the 1st day until the 3rd day** following his arrival in Hong Kong. He must first obtain a negative result of the RAT and report the RAT result to his airline, before he leaves his hotel room or his place of accommodation (if applicable) on each day between the 1st day and the 3rd day following his arrival in Hong Kong.

13. If an air crew member arrives in Hong Kong by **a flight to/from the Mainland/Macao** according to his airline's roster (and has not stayed in nor been on board a flight to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his arrival in Hong Kong) and seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, while he is in Hong Kong, he must be subject to **a PCR based nucleic acid test** using CNTS or TS **on the 2nd day** following his arrival in Hong Kong. He is not required to undergo the PCR based nucleic acid test if he has a flight duty on the 2nd day following his arrival in Hong Kong.

Medical surveillance requirements

14. If an air crew member arrives in Hong Kong by **a flight to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China** according to his airline's roster and seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, while he is in Hong Kong, he is subject to **medical surveillance until 0900 hours on the 3rd day** following his arrival in Hong Kong, during which he must take every precautionary measure to ensure personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary social contact and observe the applicable requirements stipulated in the notification of medical surveillance.
15. If an air crew member arrives in Hong Kong on board **a flight to/from the Mainland/Macao** according to his airline's roster (and has not stayed in nor been on board a flight to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his arrival in Hong Kong) and seeks to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, while he is in Hong Kong, **he is not subject to any medical surveillance requirement.**

Part II – Air crew who do NOT seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong

Arrival test requirement

16. An air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong **is not required to take a SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test** at the TSCC upon his arrival at HKIA.

Self-isolation requirement^v

17. An air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong **must be subject to self-isolation in an airport hotel^{vi} room**, unless using the facilities at the airport hotel concerned as may be permitted in accordance with the requirements specified by the Government, until he boards a flight departing from Hong Kong according to his airline's roster. During the self-isolation period, he must abide by rules promulgated by the Government. In addition to Clause 1, if he fails to comply with such self-isolation requirement, his designation status will be revoked and he will be subject to the arrangements applicable to general inbound persons. In addition, he will also be barred from being eligible for a designation status under Cap.

599C / Cap. 599E for 30 days counting from the day of his non-compliance (the date of non-compliance counted as the 1st day).

Post-arrival test requirement

18. An air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong **is not required to undergo any post-arrival tests** during his self-isolation in an airport hotel room.

Point-to-point transportation requirements^{vii}

19. An air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, while he is in Hong Kong, **must only take a point-to-point transport, which is engaged by his airline and operated by a contractor licensed by AAHK**, for travelling between HKIA and an airport hotel. He must wear a face mask during the entire journeys and must not seek to alight the transport unless this is directed by the contractor with the prior agreement of the Government or AAHK.
20. Upon disembarking from an aircraft landing at HKIA, an air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong **is required to follow a designated route within HKIA** to board the point-to-point transport from HKIA to an airport hotel.
21. Upon alighting from the point-to-point transport from an airport hotel to HKIA, an air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong **is required to follow a designated route within HKIA for boarding the aircraft** departing from Hong Kong according to his airline's roster.
22. In addition to Clause 1, if an air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong fails to comply with such point-to-point transportation requirement, his designation status will be revoked and he will be subject to the arrangements applicable to general inbound persons. In addition, he will also be barred from being eligible for a designation status under Cap. 599C / Cap. 599E for 30 days counting from the day of his non-compliance (the date of non-compliance counted as the 1st day).

Medical surveillance requirements

23. An air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong, while he is in Hong Kong, is subject to **medical surveillance until 0900 hours on the 3rd day** following his arrival in Hong Kong, during which he must take every precautionary measure to ensure personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary social contact and observe the applicable requirements stipulated in the notification of medical surveillance.
24. If the period of self-isolation in an airport hotel room of an air crew member who does not seek to enter the local community upon arrival in Hong Kong is longer than his medical surveillance period set out in Clause 23 above, after his medical surveillance period, he must continue to take every precautionary measure to ensure personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary social contact and observe the applicable requirements stipulated in the notification of medical surveillance, until he boards a flight departing from Hong Kong according to his airline's roster.

Part III – Declaration upon arrival at HKIA

25. Upon arrival at HKIA, each and every air crew member must present to DH's staff a company declaration letter issued by his airline, which must **follow DH's prescribed format** and contain the following –
- (a) **Information about the airline** – This includes the name of the airline and whether the airline is a local airline.
 - (b) **Personal particulars of the air crew member** – This includes (i) his name, (ii) his HKID or passport number and (iii) his base location.
 - (c) **Confirmation of the air crew member's compliance with the pre-departure test requirements** – His airline shall confirm that pre-departure tests are conducted as per the requirements set out in Clause 3, 4 or 5. The negative result of a RAT or the PCR-based nucleic acid test report indicating a negative result, where applicable, shall be shown to DH's staff upon request.
 - (d) **Whether the air crew member seeks to enter the local community upon his arrival in Hong Kong**, or will self-isolate in an airport hotel room until he departs from Hong Kong according to his airline's roster (i.e. Part I or Part II)
 - (e) **[Only applicable to an air crew member who seeks to enter the local community upon his arrival in Hong Kong] Confirmation of the air crew member's compliance with the vaccination requirement** – His airline shall confirm that he has completed a COVID-19 vaccination course and received additional dose(s) of vaccines as required in Clause 6 above.
 - (f) **[Only applicable to an air crew member who returns to Hong Kong by a flight to/from the Mainland/Macao according to his airline's roster] Confirmation of the air crew member's compliance with Clause 2** – His airline shall confirm that the air crew member has not stayed in nor been on board a flight (including a turnaround flight) to/from (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his boarding the flight to/from the Mainland/Macao concerned.
 - (g) **[Only applicable to a turnaround crew member who seeks to enter the local community upon his arrival in Hong Kong]** – His airline shall confirm that the air crew member has NOT stayed nor laid over in (i) any place outside China or (ii) Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to his arrival in Hong Kong (i.e. a turnaround crew member), and that he is eligible for “test and go” at TSCC upon his arrival at HKIA as per Clause 9 above.

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- i In this document, “locally based air crew member” refers to an air crew member based in Hong Kong, and “local” refers to Hong Kong.
- ii In this document, a locally based air crew member on board a flight between Hong Kong and a place outside of Hong Kong, without laying over in that place outside of Hong Kong, is a turnaround crew member. During stopover in that place outside of Hong Kong, a turnaround crew member must remain on board the aircraft, except for temporarily leaving the aircraft for necessary technical and operational tasks (e.g. flight crew’s walk-around inspection) during which he must remain at the airside of the airport concerned with no direct physical contact with the ground staff there. If he fails to comply with the aforementioned, he will be deemed as having laid over in the place concerned and will no longer be deemed as a turnaround crew member upon his return to Hong Kong.
- iii In this document, an air crew member is deemed to have ‘completed a COVID-19 vaccination course’ if he arrives in Hong Kong on or after the 14th day after completing vaccination in manners as stipulated in the relevant Government Notices that set out the vaccination requirements applicable to general inbound travellers.

For an air crew member who arrives in Hong Kong and has completed a COVID-19 vaccination course and received additional dose(s) of vaccines, his airline should check the vaccination record of the air crew member and declare on a company declaration letter that (i) the air crew member has completed a COVID-19 vaccination course and (ii) whether the air crew member concerned is eligible for additional doses, and if eligible, he has received additional dose(s) of vaccines 14 days before his flight duty and that the COVID-19 vaccines used must be included on the list of vaccines recognised for this purpose as published on the Government’s COVID-19 thematic website.

- iv The dates following a person’s arrival at Hong Kong are counted by taking the day following the person’s arrival as the 1st day. For example, for a person who arrived at Hong Kong on 12 August 2022, 13 August 2022 is the 1st day and 22 August 2022 is the 10th day.
- v Unless with the permission of an authorised officer or with reasonable excuse, an air crew member must not pass any luggage or item to any other person during (i) his journey from HKIA to an airport hotel and (ii) self-isolation in an airport hotel room.
- vi In this document, “airport hotel” refers to Headland Hotel or Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel.
- vii The operation of the “point-to-point transport” in Hong Kong mentioned throughout this document must adhere to the relevant infection control guidelines published by the Government and AAHK.