



Digital COVID Certificate (EUDCC) Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the EU Digital COVID-19 certificate?

The EU Digital COVID Certificate will facilitate free movement for citizens and residents of the **EU, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland** between participating nations. The certificate will provide proof in the form of a QR code that a traveller has either:

- been fully vaccinated against COVID-19;
- received a negative PCR test result; or
- recovered from COVID-19 within the last six months.

The certificate should greatly simplify travel for citizens and residents of participating nations by eliminating the need to undergo additional quarantine or testing requirements.



When and how?

The certificate went into effect on 1 July, and all countries must fully implement the requirements by 12 August at the latest. All participating nations will be required to implement the certificate and abide by its terms for allowing travel between participating countries. Opting out will not be permitted. If a country decides they want to impose additional restrictions due to new variants of concern, they will have to notify all other participating countries and provide justification for the decision.



Which vaccines are accepted?

Only EU-approved COVID-19 vaccines will be accepted as proof of vaccination for the certificate: both doses of **BioNTech and Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca**, or one dose of **Janssen Pharmaceutica NV** (also known as Johnson&Johnson).



Who is eligible?

Citizens and residents of participating countries. It is possible that other countries may join the scheme at a later date.



How can I access the certificate?

National authorities in participating countries will announce how citizens and residents can get access to the certificate; some have already made it available through an existing COVID-19 tracking app, such as Germany's CovPass app.



Is the certificate mandatory?

The certificate will not be mandatory, though it will be encouraged for travel. Although individual countries might announce that they will accept a non-EU approved vaccine, it is unlikely that the majority of them will do so. If you were vaccinated somewhere else or are not vaccinated, you can provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test or proof of recovery from COVID-19 instead.



Can EU citizens living outside of the EU use the certificate?

It is unclear whether EU citizens residing in non-EU/non-participating countries can use the certificate and the EU has not yet clarified this point. The certificate has been designed to for travel within and among EU states, not to or from non-EU countries. EU citizens residing elsewhere should plan for additional restrictions during their trips and consult International SOS for more information.



Where can I find out more information about the certificate scheme?

The EU has published a comprehensive FAQ on their website [here](#).

If you need any advice around this topic,
please contact us at Switzerland@InternationalSOS.com.

