

## *Standards for streamlining of Tourists Visit, 2021*

Government of Nepal (GoN) has issued these standards for Covid-19 transmission control and prevention in a manner not to adversely affecting tourists' visit to Nepal:

### **A. Procedure to be fulfilled for tourism before coming to Nepal**

1. Tourists intending to come to Nepal for tourist activities shall have to coordinate with an agency related to travels and tours; and, to this effect, after determining program relating to tourism, the agency concerned shall request to the Department of Tourism (DoT) for mountaineering and to the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) for other tourist activities.
2. Tourists intending to receive health services in Nepal shall coordinate with a health institution; and, after determining of programs, such institution concerned shall request to Nepal Tourism Board (NTB).
3. After the request from the agency or institution, the Department of Immigration (DoI) and the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) shall recommend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and Department of Immigration (DoI). The agency or institution concerned shall have to make acknowledgement of such recommendations to tourists intending to visit Nepal as well.

### **B. Provisions relating to Visa for entering Nepal**

4. Before coming to Nepal, tourists shall receive visa from Nepalese Missions of the country concerned. The mission concerned shall examine the documents as referred to in Clauses: (b), (c) and (d) of Section 7 of the Act, and may issue visa, upon making acknowledgement of provisions under Clause (a) of the same Section.



5. Tourists coming to Nepal by air routes, in a condition of not availing of Nepal visa or facing trouble from the country concerned, may receive On-Arrival-Visa at the Tribhuvan International Airport immigration point. Provided that, tourists coming to Nepal by land routes, may enter Nepal after receiving Nepal Visa from the Nepalese Missions abroad only.
6. Tourists intending to receive On-Arrival-Visa, shall submit the documents submitted at the Check-in-Counter of the Airliner—which is referred to in Section 7. Pursuant to the laws in-force and Immigration Directives, On-Arrival-Visa shall be made available to such tourists at the Tribhuvan International Airport immigration point.

**C. Documents to be submitted before coming to Nepal**

7. Before departure to Nepal –prior to boarding on the plane, tourists shall have to submit/produce the documents as of the following to the Check-in-Counter of the Airliner:
  - (a) Examination report-document of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) done before 72 hours prior to boarding on the plane—which could show corona negative, or the card-document showing completion of vaccination (Covax) against Covid-19;
  - (b) Nepal Visa or a recommendation letter of the Department of Tourism (DoT) or Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) to participate in tourist activities in Nepal;
  - (c) Bill of hotel booking in Nepal or ascertaining of settlement;
  - (d) Journey Insurance-document valid for the period of Nepal visit including coverage of emergency search, rescue, treatment, among others, thereunto.
8. The Airliner concerned shall have to board the tourists on the plane only after ascertaining of those documents as referred to in Section 7 of the Act.



#### **D. Management after Arrival in Nepal**

9. After arrival in Nepal, tourists who have already completed corona vaccination (Covax) or with examination-report of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction), shall have to do examination of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) again and stay at hotel quarantine at their own costs in coordination with the agency or institution concerned until and unless the report thereof is delivered. If the PCR report comes positive, they shall have to prolong the stay at the hotel quarantine complying with existing health protocols until and unless the report thereof comes negative. Only those tourists who have had negative PCR report may be allowed, through the agency or institution concerned, to participate in trekking or mountaineering or other tourist activities.
10. The agency or institution concerned shall have to do insurance of Covid-19 at least of NPR 100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand) for Nepalese guides or members accompanying with the tourists.

#### **E. Special provisions for Indian tourists**

11. In the case of Indian tourists coming from Air routes, the agreement entitled: "Nepal-India Travel Bubble Agreement" shall be applicable.
12. In the case of Indian tourists coming from land routes, they shall have to submit documents as referred to in Clause (a) of Section 7 of the Act at Nepal-India Border immigration point.
13. Indian tourists coming to visit Nepal shall have to fully follow health security protocols as approved by Government of Nepal (GoN).

#### **F. Roles of stakeholders**

14. The agency or institution cooperating and supporting the tourists concerned shall have to make them fully aware of these Standards to be complied with before engaging them in trekking, mountaineering or other tourist activities.





15. Before starting activities by the tourists who have come to Nepal, and after their departure from Nepal, the agency or institution shall have to submit the details thereof to the Department of Tourism (DoT) or the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB).
16. Likewise, the Department of Tourism (DoT) and the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) shall have to furnish the details forwarded by the agency or institution concerned to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoCTCA).
17. Whole responsibilities of surveillance of activities and treatment of tourists who have come under coordination of the agency or institution concerned, shall go to the agency or institution concerned till they remain in Nepal.
18. While engaging tourists in trekking, mountaineering or other activities, there shall be the duties and obligation of the agency or institution to get them fully follow with health security protocols.

#### **G. Monitoring & Actions**

19. The Department of Tourism (DoT) and the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) shall monitor the agency or institution concerned as to: whether the provisions as stated in Paragraph F are complied with or not.
20. Local Level Bodies (*Palikas*) as well as Local Administration may inform to the Department of Tourism (DoT) and the Nepal Tourism Board (NTB) as to whether the agency or institution concerned have complied with the approved standards relating to health security protocols.
21. In case tourists or the agency or institution concerned are found in compliance with/defaulting of these Standards, the tourists or the agency or institution concerned shall be liable to legal actions under the laws in-force.



## **H. Other provisions**

22. Other terms and conditions and/or provisions tourists have to comply with shall be as prescribed from time to time.

## **I. Repeal**

23. Prior issued Standards and Orders relating to tourists coming to Nepal have been repealed.

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