



Payments for PCR tests can be made on arrival in cash, electronically, or in advance via the 'BeAware' app

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Non-vaccinated passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain must undergo a series of PCR tests, costing BD36.

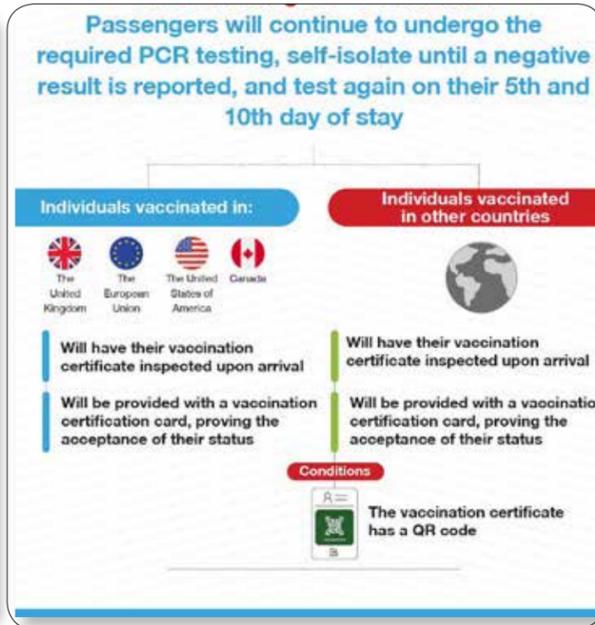
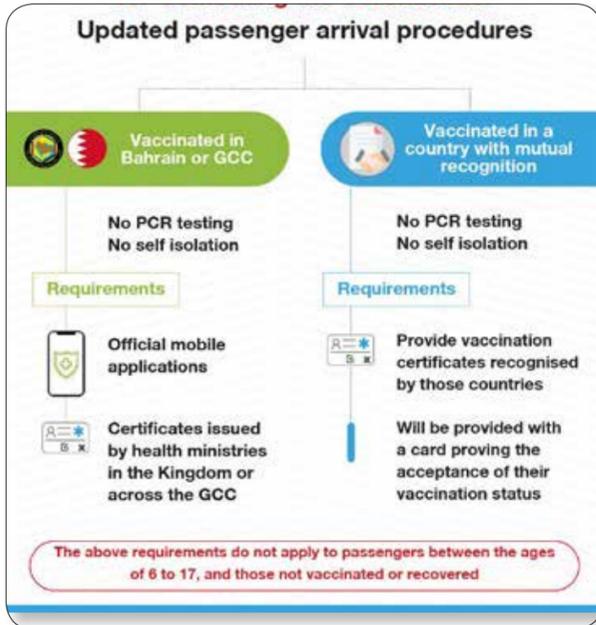
The first test will take place on arrival, and the second five days later. The third and final test on the 10th day of stay in Bahrain.

All arriving passengers must activate the 'BeAware' app and sign a self-isolation agreement for quarantine at the place of residence until arrival test results are available.



Citizens travelling abroad must comply with entry procedures and requirements at their destinations. They must also sign a declaration form before departure, agreeing to bear any medical costs while abroad.

Travel corridor extended to GCC travellers



● **No PCR tests, self-quarantine for vaccinated, recovered passengers from GCC nations starting Eid**

● **An exemption is also for vaccinated and recovered Bahraini citizens and residents**

● **Travellers from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal should come with a negative PCR test certificate**

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Bahrain has extended its travel corridor arrangement to include fully vaccinated or recovered passengers

arriving from the Gulf Cooperation Council nations.

Meaning, such passengers are no longer required to undergo a PCR test upon arrival or self-isolate in the Kingdom.

Bahraini citizens and residents, who hold a green shield of vaccination or recovery on the 'BeAware' app, are also covered by the scheme.

The arrangement, which comes into force from the first day of Eid al-Fitr, is approved by the Coordinating Committee and recommended by the National Medical Team for Responding to Coronavirus (Covid-19).

The move comes soon after lifting restrictions on indoor dining and other services to all who are vaccinated or recovered from the infection. Entry to indoor services is open to vaccinated or recovered citizens, residents and visitors, who show proof of vaccination in the BeAware Bahrain app or other official application approved by



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The arrangement comes into play upon a passenger shows evidence of vaccination or recovery through vaccine certificates or official applications approved by the health ministries in the

GCC nations.

The decision is not applicable for those in the age group 6 to 17, non-vaccinated and non-recovered individuals, said Lieutenant General Doctor Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Supreme

Council of Health and Head of the National Medical Team for Coronavirus Response.

Sheikh Muhammad said the decision to waive the PCR test is also valid for those countries, who are part of the travel corridor arrangement, including Hungary, Greece and Israel.

Travellers arriving from these countries will also receive an acceptance card after validating their vaccine certificates and exempted from quarantine measures. However, those falling into the age group 6 to 17 are to follow usual requirements.

The US, UK, EU and Canada

Travellers holding vaccine certificates from the United Kingdom, the European Union, the United States of America and Canada will also be issued an acceptance card. However, they should take a PCR test upon entry and remain in self-isolation until a negative result is available. It is also mandatory to

repeat PCR tests on the fifth and tenth day of stay in the Kingdom.

Other countries

Bahrain will also accept travellers coming from other countries with valid vaccination certificates carrying a QR code. However, it is mandatory to take PCR tests upon arrival and on the fifth and tenth day of stay in the Kingdom. Self-isolation is also a must until the result of the test taken at arrival is released.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

Sheikh Muhammad further said the same mandates are applicable for passengers transiting or arriving from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. All passengers aged six years and above should present a negative PCR certificate with a QR code taken 48 hours before departure. Besides, passengers should take PCR tests upon arrival and on the fifth and tenth day of arrival and remain in self-quarantine.

Benayat gets new updated unified directory: Works Ministry

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Works Ministry announced launching a new updated unified buildings system directory on its building permit portal Benayat.

The portal is a one-stop platform for issuing building permits for all building projects, whether Investment, Residential, Industrial, Commercial, etc.

The system dubbed 'version 1.2' is up on the portal www.benayat.bh, said Sheikh Muhammad bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

The Undersecretary for Municipal Affairs at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning said the updated system includes guides for calculating the land areas of real estate units among other facilities.

Accordingly, for planned



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building permits, pay building permit related fees, and apply for other building-related services.

By utilising an interactive map that provides information for land parcels and centralising all the concerned regulations and requirements under one system, Benayat allows applicants to obtain information necessary for preparing drawings and documents for applying for a building permit.

lands, the authority is capable of issuing a building permit in five days.

Benayat enables engineering offices licensed in Bahrain to apply for building permits, enquire on application status, obtain consultation from concerned government entities regarding



Focus on home-based women-run enterprises

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A new programme to support home-based female enterprises are on the anvil at the Supreme Council for Woman, it has emerged.

The programme aims at providing a permanent platform to learn from the experiences of successful women entrepreneurs and businesswoman in the Kingdom.

"This will help improve their products, accelerate growth, raise competitiveness, and contributions to the national economy," said SCW adding that it would enhance the levels of family and community stability in the Kingdom.

The project part of the SCW's "Bahrain Bkhair Thanks to You" Programme pays more attention to home-based enterprises in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

The SCW also held a remote consultative meeting on implementing the project.



"The council is keen to cooperate with the Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry, Labour and Social Development Ministry and the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), to activate the potentials of all Bahrainis and integrate them in the sustainable development paths," Assistant Secretary-General

of SCW, Shaikha Deena bint Rashid Al Khalifa, said

"Networking between businesswomen and owners of female home-based businesses will ensure that the latter receive appropriate guidance in operation, pricing, marketing, packaging, and distribution, among others," she added.