

French government restriction on movements and implementation of sanitary measures at the borders

This is an unofficial translation of the French government's press release from 22 May 2020 regarding border restrictions.

To contribute to managing the circulation of COVID-19, the law of the 11 May 2020 implementing a health state of emergency included the possibility to introduce specific sanitary measures for travellers arriving to mainland France and its overseas territories.

This measure is in addition to the movement restrictions in place at our borders since 18 March and until 15 June 2020.

The application of the decrees of the 11 May law will be published and enter into effect on 23 May 2020. They create a legal framework to enable the enforcement, based on decision of the Prefet and under the control of a judge, of self-isolation quarantine measures at home or in adapted accommodation. This is legally possible, which is currently systematically applied in the [French] overseas territories where the health situation is specific, as well as for people arriving at our borders presenting COVID-19 symptoms during health checks, which will be put in place.

In addition, the government will implement, from Monday 25 May 2020, a measure of voluntary quarantine based on the country of origin/arrival of travellers:

- for travellers arriving from outside the European Area (all of the countries in the world except European Union member states, the United-Kingdom, Andorra, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Holy-See) the principal in place remains the same as today, and until further notice, that is the closure of borders and a ban from entering

French nationals or permanent residents of France can however continue to access the French territory, as well as certain specific categories detailed on the [website of the Ministry of Interior](#). However, it is requested that they act responsibly by respecting a voluntary quarantine.

Upon arrival, individuals admitted into the national territory from outside of the European area will be given information on the conditions under which the voluntary quarantine can be followed at their residence of choice or, alternatively, at an adapted accomodation building. The passenger's sense of responsibility and civic duty is called upon to implement these precautionary health measures.

- for travellers arriving from within the European area (European Union

member states, the United-Kingdom, Andorra, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Holy-See) the borders are not closed but are still subject to movement restrictions whose implementation are based on border controls coordinated with our partners

Some measures have been eased: in addition to French nationals or permanent residents in France, cross-border workers and international transporters, new categories of people are now authorised to access the national territory, namely for family reasons (separated spouses, continuation of studies, childcare, visits to dependent parents) and professional reasons (seasonal workers and European posted workers whose mission cannot be postponed) to contribute to restarting the economy.

The full list of authorised categories is available on the [website of the Ministry of Interior](#). Furthermore, to facilitate the fluidity of traffic while also implementing the restrictions that remain in place until 15 June, border crossing points will be gradually reopened and permanent border controls will be replaced by spot checks. Finally we are working on developing a unique and common certificate with our border states.

In health terms, taking into account the similar epidemiological situations of European states, and the coordination of crisis management measures, there will be no quarantine requirement upon entry on French territory for individuals arriving from countries in the European area.

However, for travellers arriving from European countries, whose authorities have decided, without coordination, to apply quarantine measures upon entry to their territory for travellers arriving from European countries, a voluntary quarantine will be requested in reciprocity.

As such, travellers arriving from Spain by air only, will be invited from Monday the 25 May onwards, to respect a voluntary quarantine, because Spain implemented a quarantine system for travellers arriving in Spain by air on 15 May. This applies to all travellers, regardless of nationality, including French and Spanish travellers. In the same way, travellers arriving from the United Kingdom, regardless of their nationality, will be invited to respect a period of quarantine as soon as the British quarantine measures, announced this evening, enter into practical effect.

The following individuals will be exempted from the voluntary quarantine measures, unless they present symptoms:

- people transiting to a third country
- crew-members and people operating passenger and cargo flights, or travelling as passengers to reach their departure base
- people ensuring the international transport of goods
- train and bus conductors and crew
- crew-members and people operating cargo and fishing vessels
- foreign health professionals contributing to the fight against Covid-19
- diplomatic and consular mission personnel, as well as personnel from international organisations that have an office or their headquarters in

France, as well as their children and spouses

- French or foreign internal security and defence forces personnel returning from their posting, or on their posting, the judicial authority during the performance of their duties as well as other agents of the State posted abroad or returning from their posting, as well as their children and spouses
- frontier workers
- compassionate grounds for family reason (travel justified due to childcare obligations, child visiting rights or accommodation needs of a child including the pursuit of studies, urgent assistance to a close relative or the funeral of a close relative)
- individuals allowed to enter the territory for an economic reason if the length of their stay is under 5 days. The quarantine conditions applicable to seasonal and posted workers are set out in the instruction of 20 May 2020.

To undertake any such journey, all travellers will need carry the following documents available on the [Ministry of Interior website](#):

- an international attestation movement certificate (Attestation de Deplacement international derogatoire)
- a declaration of honour certifying that the traveller does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 infection

In addition, France continues its efforts to reinforce its coordination with its European partners, in particular border countries. We invite the Countries of the European area to favour quarantine measures that do not apply to travellers arriving from the European Area.

We are also promoting coordinated health measures at the external borders of the European area, with the objective of producing in the weeks to come a harmonised list of third countries where the active circulation of the virus is observed, and for which reinforced and coordinated health measures can be implemented.

[eAlert: 27 May 2020 – Additional Woodland Carbon Guarantee auction information](#)

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This eAlert includes the additional information published on the Woodland Carbon Guarantee, a reminder about the annual claims deadline, Urban Tree Challenge Fund round 2 information, a tree felling blog and a woodland

creation case study.

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[New non-executive directors appointed to UKSA](#)

News story

Richard Dobbs and Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter have been appointed as non-executive board members of the UK Statistics Authority.



Richard Dobbs

Richard Dobbs was a senior partner at the global consultancy McKinsey, where he was based in their London, Mumbai and Seoul offices. Since joining McKinsey in 1988, he has served clients around the world on strategy, organisation and corporate finance issues. He was a Director of the McKinsey Global Institute, leading research on technology, urbanisation, the rise of the emerging markets consumer class, global capital supply and demand, corporate profitability, obesity and the global labour market. He was also a Director of the McKinsey Centre for Government, where he led research and outreach on government productivity and performance, and a Convenor of McKinsey's Global Corporate Finance Practice. Richard has taught Corporate

Finance at the Saïd Business School at Oxford University.

Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter

Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter is Chair of the Winton Centre for Risk and Evidence Communication at the University of Cambridge, where he leads work between the Centre and actors in fields such as health, media and government to improve the way quantitative evidence is used in society. His background is in medical statistics, particularly the use of Bayesian methods in clinical trials, health technology assessment and drug safety, a field in which he is one of the most cited and influential researchers. He was awarded an OBE for services to medical statistics in 2006. His interest in performance monitoring led to his being asked to lead the statistical team in the Bristol Royal Infirmary Inquiry, and he also gave evidence to the Shipman Inquiry. Sir David was President of the Royal Statistical Society for 2017-18.

Richard and Sir David have been appointed under the provisions of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, for a period of three years, from 27 May 2020 until 26 May 2023.

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[Helping develop an approach around senior clinicians' pensions](#)

News story

GAD's expertise helps senior clinicians in the NHS Pension Scheme adjust their pension saving to fit within their tax-free allowance.



GAD has worked with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to develop an approach to help senior clinicians in the NHS Pension Scheme

adjust their pension saving to fit within their tax-free allowance.

This proposal involved offering greater pension flexibilities to manage benefits of their pension scheme membership and the tapered annual allowance taxation structure. These proposals were driven by government concerns that the taper was driving a behavioural response from NHS clinicians to reduce their work commitments.

Consultation and options

DHSC consulted on a range of flexibilities, including giving the members option to accrue at a flexible accrual rate. This was in exchange for paying reduced employee contributions. These would enable senior clinicians to continue to work in the NHS while tailoring their pension scheme accrual to the level they wished to achieve, allowing for pension tax implications.

We supported the DHSC consultation by carrying out detailed analysis. We also provided worked examples to illustrate the consultation approach and the implications on members benefits and taxation.

The consultation findings fed into a review of the annual allowance taper led by HM Treasury, with changes to the taper announced at the Budget on 11 March 2020. DHSC will publish a formal response to the consultation in due course.

Proposal analysis

GAD worked with DHSC and HM Treasury following the announcement of changes to the annual allowance taper. We analysed the impact for NHS scheme members and briefed NHS employer and member representatives on the potential impacts.

This analysis included the use of the scheme pays mechanism to meet tax charges incurred. Illustrations showed the progression of scheme pays charges up to retirement, as a proportion of corresponding scheme benefits accrued.

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