

Visa-free access for HKSAR passport holders to Qatar and the UAE/Visa-free period for HKSAR passport holders visiting Oman extended

â€‹The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has received notifications from the Consulate General of The State of Qatar in the HKSAR, the Consulate General of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the HKSAR and the Honorary Consulate of the Sultanate of Oman (Oman) in the HKSAR regarding the latest visa-free arrangements offered to HKSAR passport holders.

HKSAR passport holders may visit Qatar and the UAE visa-free (previously visa-on-arrival) for a stay of up to 30 days. In addition, the visa-free period for HKSAR passport holders visiting Oman has been extended from a stay of up to 10 days to 14 days. Further to the measure regarding Qatar announced earlier, the other two measures will take effect on May 15, 2025.

A spokesman of the Immigration Department said, "Qatar, the UAE and Oman are along the Belt and Road and are member states of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC). Under the Belt and Road Initiative, these visa-free arrangements and the extension of the visa-free entry period will bring greater travel convenience for HKSAR passport holders and strengthen the tourism, cultural and economic ties between Hong Kong and relevant GCC member states."

As of today, 174 countries and territories have granted visa-free access or visa-on-arrival to HKSAR passport holders, including all six member states of the GCC. Among these, Qatar, the UAE and Oman offer visa-free access, while Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia provide visa-on-arrival facilitation. Please visit the following website for details: www.immd.gov.hk/eng/service/travel_document/visa_free_access.html or scan the attached annex.