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INFORMATION LEAFLET ON THE EXEMPTION PROCEDURE

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New travel restrictions entered into force on the 15th of July 2020.

If you are not allowed to enter Hungary according to the travel restrictions (information leaflets are available [HERE](#)), you may request **exemption from the police**. The granted exemption allows you to **enter Hungary despite the travel restrictions**.

1. In which case can the police give me exemption?

The **police may give** this exemption of the travel restrictions **if**:

- you have **an ongoing procedure** before a Hungarian court or any authority and you have to show up personally (e.g. a hearing with the police). You will **need to prove this by an official document** from the court or the authority (e.g. a warrant to appear);
- you are conducting **business activities or other work** in Hungary and a **Hungarian state institution confirms that by an invitation letter**;
- you need **medical treatment from a Hungarian health care institution** and you can **prove this by a medical document**;
- you are **student** and you can **prove this by a certificate** of the school you attend;
- you work in **transportation of goods** and you can prove this **by a certificate of your employer**;
- you want to attend **a family event** (e. g. wedding, baptism, funeral);
- you come **to look after or take care of a relative**¹;
- you come to attend an **international sporting, cultural or church event** of great significance;
- you can demonstrate some **other exceptional circumstances** not mentioned above.

2. How do I apply for exemption?

You have to submit the request **online** in Hungarian or in English.

In your request, you have to **explain in details your exceptional individual circumstances** why you want to enter Hungary. You need to **attach all those documents to the request that prove**

¹ Relative means spouses, next of kin, adopted children, stepchildren, foster children, adoptive parents, stepparents, foster parents, and siblings, domestic partners, spouses of the next of kin, spouse's next of kin and siblings, and spouses of siblings.



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your exceptional reasons for entering (e.g. the medical referral, the statement of your university). You should **have the original copies** of these documents on you **when you enter Hungary** as the **police** at the border **might ask you to show** them.

You also need to provide the details of your **personal ID / passport information that you will use** upon entering Hungary.

You **can authorise a representative** to fill in the form and send the request in. **In case of a minor, the legal guardian** can be such representative. The authorisation has to take the **form of a "private document** representing conclusive evidence". This means that either you **write and sign it in your handwriting, or you type in the authorisation**, in which case **you and two witnesses** have to sign it, stating the names and the addresses of the witnesses. The authorised person will have to attach the authorization to the request form.

If more than one of you want to enter at the **same time**, you **may authorise one person** who can submit **one request** in the name of all of you.

If you enter at the same time for the same purpose with people living in the same household as you, **one** request is enough to submit.

This procedure is free of charge.

3. Which police station will examine my application for exemption?

The **local police station closest to your border crossing** point is the competent authority to decide on your request of exemption. In case of entering Hungary **through Budapest Airport, Budapest Police office District 18** is the competent authority.

4. When will the police reject my application for exemption?

The **police will reject** your request **if the purpose** of your travel to Hungary **is questionable**, or if your **travel to Hungary poses an epidemic, public order or national security risk**.

5. Is there a possibility to appeal?

You can **challenge the rejecting decision** of the police by **turning to the superior police body** (county or metropolitan police headquarter) in an appeal.

6. What happens when I enter Hungary after the exemption was granted?

If the police grants you an exemption and you are allowed to enter Hungary, you will have to go through a **mandatory medical examination**.



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7. Can the authorities refuse my entry to Hungary after the exemption was granted?

You cannot enter Hungary if you are suspected to **have contracted the virus** according to the medical examination.

8. Mandatory self-isolation after entering Hungary

If you are **NOT** suspected to **have contracted the virus**, you **have to self-isolate** in your home **OR** you have to **go to quarantine for 14 days** to a place designated by the epidemic control authority.

If you are self-isolating in your home, you **may request to be tested** for COVID-19. **Two tests will be conducted**, the second one at least 48 hours after the first one. **What comes after** the testing?

- In case, you **travelled** to Hungary **from a 'yellow' country**: if the **first test is negative**, the epidemic control authority will give an **exemption from mandatory self-isolation**. **If the second test is positive** after the first one was negative, you **have to self-isolate** at home **again**.
- In case, you **travelled** to Hungary **from a 'red' country**: only if **both tests are negative**, will the epidemic control authority give an **exemption from mandatory self-isolation**.

Further information:

- Hungarian Helsinki Committee: helsinki@helsinki.hu
- Contact the Consulate of Hungary in your country, and / or check the website of the Hungarian Consular Service – [HERE](#)
- Information published by the police - [HERE](#)
- Contact of the police – [HERE](#)

Relevant legislation:

- 341/2020. (VII. 12.) Gov. Decree on travel restrictions during the epidemic preparedness
- No. 34320-1/2020/OTF Decision of the Chief Medical Officer about the classification of countries according to the COVID-19 disease infection conditions