Hungary

Source: European Union/Re-open EU
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Travelling to Hungary
Travelling from EU and EEA countries is, in general, allowed. Depending on their epidemiological situation, Hungary divides countries in three categories (green, yellow and red). For each category, a different set of rules of entry applies. Travellers can enter Hungary without any restrictions from countries belonging to the green category.

Travelling from Hungary or returning to Hungary
Hungarian citizens entering Hungary from countries in the green category are allowed to enter Hungary without restrictions. Hungarian citizens arriving from yellow or red labelled countries are subject to obligatory health checks. If coronavirus infection is detected, they have to go into quarantine for 14 days as prescribed by the epidemiological authority.

No quarantine is needed for Hungarian citizens crossing the border who can prove, with a certificate written in Hungarian or English, the negative results of two SARS-CoV-2 tests (molecular examination in compliance with professional medical practice) performed at different times with at least 48 hours between them in the course of the preceding 5 days.

The Hungarian Consular Service provides Travel advice per Country (in Hungarian).

Rules and Exceptions
the following persons are allowed to enter Hungary without restrictions:
- Hungarian nationals,
- EU nationals and nationals of EEA member states and Switzerland (see countries are classified as “green”, “yellow” or “red” for restrictions),
- third country family members of the above mentioned persons,
- Those foreign nationals who do not fall under the above categories, and are entitled to stay in Hungary for more than 90 days, are allowed to enter Hungary, provided they present upon entry a valid official permit issued by the Hungarian immigration authority, proving their entitlement to long-term stay. Also, they are obliged to spend 14 days in self-isolation or in official quarantine, depending on the result of the mandatory medical examination at the border. Requirements for exemption of the quarantine regulation: 2 negative SARS-CoV-2 molecular test results (medical certificate issued either in English or in Hungarian) conducted within five day prior to entering Hungary.

Mandatory Travel Documentation
No special documentation is required.

Links to national sources
Consular Services (Hungarian)
Information from Budapest Airport
Documents you need to travel in Europe

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/HUN

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union
01.09.2020
The list of closed border crossing points in Hungary can be found attached. This document can also be downloaded from MKFE’s website: https://www.mkfe.hu/en/.

Source: MKFE

31.08.2020
Updated information regarding the border procedures for both passenger and goods transport at the Hungarian border crossing points can be found here.

Source: MKFE

14.07.2020
On 14 July, the Hungarian Government introduced a classification system of foreign countries based on their epidemiological risk. Hungarian nationals coming from a country on the yellow or red list must quarantine at home for 14 days. An alternative is, they can produce proof of two negative tests, where the second should be made 48 hours after the first one.

Foreign nationals arriving from a country on the yellow list must undergo a medical examination upon arrival. If no infection is suspected, they must quarantine for 14 days. Foreign nationals coming from countries on the red list, who don’t have a permanent residence permit in Hungary, or who don’t have any family members in Hungary, are banned from entering the country.

Transit through Hungary is allowed under certain conditions.
Further details can be found here.

Source: MKFE

30.06.2020
On 21 June, effective immediately, the Hungarian government revoked the general exemption of driving restrictions for goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.

Source: MKFE

19.06.2020
On 19 June, the Hungarian Parliament put an end to the state of emergency, replacing it with a state of “epidemiological preparedness”.

Foreign nationals cannot enter Hungary whilst Hungarian (and their families), EU, EEA and EFTA citizens (except UK citizens), are allowed to enter the country. Detailed rules concerning travel to/from Hungary can be found here.

No restrictions apply to freight transport operations; mandatory transit routes previously in place have been dropped.

Members are reminded that the temporary relaxations of driving and rest time rules have ceased to apply on 31 May. Drivers can still benefit from the lifting of driving restrictions for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, which is in force until 21 June.
Entry restriction to non-Hungarian citizens (16.03.2020)

Pursuant to the decision of the Government, Hungarian authorities will close the borders of Hungary from passenger traffic, so from 00:00 on 17 March 2020, only Hungarian citizens will be allowed to enter the country. The restriction relates to all road, railway, water and air borders.

Start date: 17.03.2020
End date: not available

Further information: http://www.police.hu/hu/hirek-es-informacio/legfrissebb-hireink/hatarre...

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles (20.03.2020)

Hungary has notified a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers involved in domestic and international transport under Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006.

Start date: 21.03.2020
End date: 19.04.2020

Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/temporary-relaxatio...

Source: MKFE
02.06.2020

On 29 May, the Hungarian Government informed that relaxations on driving and rest times would expire on 31 May. Therefore, Regulation (EC) 561/2006 fully applies from 00:00 on 1 June. Members are also reminded that Hungarian Authorities allow double manning (passengers in the cabin are not considered double manning and, therefore, are not allowed).

For more information on international passenger transport between Hungary and neighbouring countries, the latest notice can be found here.

Source: MKFE

29.05.2020

MKFE is providing all information related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) relevant to foreign transport operations on an up-to-date webpage in English. The following information has been added to this site:

Passenger transport:

Information updated by the police on travel regulations is available here (in English).

Goods transport – facilitation measures:

Relaxations of driving and rest time rules will not be renewed after 31 May.

Source: MKFE

20.04.2020

According to the European Commission, Hungary granted relaxations on driving and rest times rules. Relaxations apply until 31 May to all drivers involved in national and international transport of goods being performed within Hungary. Provisions from EU Regulation 561/2006 derogated from:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;
- Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 105 hours;
- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
- Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;
- Art. 8(6): reduction of the regular weekly rest period from 45 hours to 24 hours, provided that the reduction shall be compensated by an equivalent period of rest taken en bloc before the end of the third week following the week in question OR
- Art. 8(6): postponement of a weekly rest period from six to seven 24-hour period.

Source: MKFE

03.04.2020
With effect from midnight, 17 March, Hungary has closed its internal and external borders. Hungarian citizens and close relatives travelling with them (including those not resident in Hungary) will still be allowed to enter the country.

According to the government decree no 81/2020, article 3 (7), provisions of articles 2 and 3 of this government decree, these restrictions do not apply to freight traffic.

Goods transports arriving and departing from Hungarian destinations, as well as those in transit, are allowed to cross the state border and continue the journey without restrictions, but only through the designated border points (transit routes are highlighted in blue): here.

- Stops are only permitted at designated rest areas and fuel stations;
- Transport operators must have police stamps;
- Only the driver is permitted in the cabin; no passengers (no double-manning);
- Drivers should cross the territory as quickly and efficiently as possible, without the violation of any traffic rules - police procedures are in place at the points of exit.

Official webpage of the Government here.

Source: MKFE

29.03.2020

MKFE is providing all information related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) relevant to foreign hauliers on an up-to-date webpage in English. The following information has been added to this site:

As of 28 March 2020 the official quarantine (for a period of fourteen days after crossing the border) for the Hungarian truck drivers not showing symptoms of COVID-19, if the destination is Hungary, is no more applicable. The other dispositions of the resolution of Chief Medical Officer issued on 27 March remain unchanged.

This disposition should help reduce the bottlenecks observed at the border crossing points on Friday.

Source: MKFE

27.03.2020

The National Chief Medical Officer has issued a new resolution (already in force), and the following rules enter into force:

Art 6. Road freight transport drivers are to undergo a medical examination; and

a) Those who are not showing symptoms of COVID-19:

(aa) As a Hungarian citizen, if the destination is Hungary, the person must undergo official quarantine for a period of fourteen days after crossing the border.

(ab) As a foreign national, if the destination is Hungary, the person must leave the country within 24 hours from unloading the consignment.

(ac) In the case of transit traffic, the person has to leave the territory of Hungary in the shortest possible time and on the designated transit route.

(ad) Must wear a face mask and rubber gloves when travelling in Hungary.

b) Those who are showing symptoms of COVID-19:
(ba) Hungarian citizens will be housed in a designated quarantine facility.

(bb) Non-Hungarian citizens cannot enter the territory of Hungary.

Only Art 6.a), (ac), (ad), and Art 6.b) are applicable for international road freight transport drivers who are not Hungarian citizens.

The text of the resolution is available in Hungarian here.

Source: MKFE

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Hungary has closed its internal and external borders for passenger transport operations with effect from 00:00 17 March. Hungarian citizens and close relatives travelling with them (including those not resident in Hungary) will still be allowed to enter the country.

MKFE has communicated its vision of the situation at border crossing points here (last update on 21/03 afternoon).

MKFE and the Hungarian Government are doing everything possible to ensure continuous and unhindered cross-border freight transport operations.

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