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### What can you do if you are not allowed to enter Hungary?

#### Information leaflet on the exemption procedure

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New travel restrictions entered into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2020. If you are not allowed to enter Hungary according to the travel restrictions (information leaflet [HERE](#)), you can ask the Police to make an exception for you.

#### In which case can the police give me exemption?

The **police can 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 need **medical treatment from a Hungarian health care institution** and you can **prove this with a medical document**;
- you are **student** and you can **prove this with a certificate** of the school you attend;
- you work in **transportation of goods** and you can prove this **with 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** (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);
- you come to attend an **international church event** of great significance;
- you can demonstrate some **other exceptional circumstances** not mentioned above.

#### 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 detail your exceptional individual circumstances** why you want to enter Hungary. You need to **attach all those documents to the request that prove** 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.



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You **can authorise a representative** to fill in the form and send the request in. **In case of a minor, the legal guardian (e.g. the parents, guardian appointed by the state, etc.)** can be such representative. The authorisation will be valid if you either **write and sign it in your handwriting, or you type in the authorisation**, in which case **you and two witnesses** have to sign it. The names and the addresses of the witnesses have to be written on the authorisation. 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 **can authorise one person** who can submit **one request** on behalf 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.

### 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.

### When will the police reject my application for exemption?

The **police will reject** your request **if the purpose** of your travel to Hungary **is not well-founded enough**, or if your **travel to Hungary poses an epidemic, public order or national security risk**.

### Is it possible 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.

### 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 undergo a **mandatory medical check**.



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

**You cannot enter** Hungary if, after the medical examination, you are suspected to have contracted coronavirus.

### Quarantine after entering Hungary

If you are **NOT** suspected to **have the virus**, you **have to quarantine** in your home **OR** if you do not have a place to stay in Hungary, you have to **quarantine in** a place designated by the authority. The duration of quarantine is 14 days in both cases.

If you are in quarantine, you **can ask to be tested** for COVID-19. **Two tests will be done**, the second one no sooner than 48 hours but within 5 days following the first one. If **both tests are negative**, the epidemic control authority will give an **exemption from self-isolation**.

However, if you already have a negative PCR test from the Schengen area (Switzerland, Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland and EU countries with the exception of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Ireland, Croatia and Romania) Canada or the USA, and you get a second negative PCR test in Hungary within the time limits (no sooner than 48 hours but within 5 days), the authority will also let you out of quarantine. It is important to have a document of the first test result in English or Hungarian.

### Further information:

- Hungarian Helsinki Committee: [helsinki@helsinki.hu](mailto: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](#)

We constantly monitor the frequently changing rules and the practice of the authorities and update this information leaflet regularly. This information leaflet cannot be considered as legal advice.

### Relevant law:

- 48/2020. (VIII. 30.) Gov. Decree on travel restrictions during the epidemic preparedness