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STATE OF QATAR VISITORS' HEALTH INSURANCE

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Citizens of over 95 countries are eligible for a visa upon arrival with varying lengths of stay for the State of Qatar and the Sultanate of Oman, allowing multiple entry to both countries. New Zealand nationals are eligible for a 30-day visa upon arrival, providing they have a valid passport with a minimum validity of six months and a confirmed onward or return ticket. For further information, click [here](#).

The State of Qatar has mandatory health insurance if the visitor is planning to stay longer than 30 days. The visitor is required to purchase the mandatory health insurance from either a Ministry of Public Health Registered Insurance Company **OR** an Approved by the Ministry of Public Health Insurance Company via this [link](#).

Once the mandatory Health Insurance Policy has been purchased, the visitor can then apply on the Ministry of Interiors website by clicking [here](#) or through the "Metrash2" App to obtain/extend their visitor visa.

Visitors who are travelling to the State of Qatar and/or the Sultanate of Oman for less than 30 days do not need to purchase mandatory Health Insurance from either a Ministry of Public Health Registered Insurance Company **OR** an Approved by the Ministry of Public Health Insurance Company.

However, they are required to have an international health insurance policy that fulfils the acceptance criteria defined by the State of Qatar's Ministry of Public Health, which includes:

1. The geographical coverage must include the State of Qatar.

2. The policy is valid and covers the period of the full duration of the visitor's stay in the country.
3. The policy covers emergency and accident healthcare services with a minimum limit of QAR 150,000 (approximately NZD 66,500) without deductibles or co-payments.
4. The policy covers COVID-19 with a minimum limit of QAR 50,000 (approximately NZD 22,500).
5. Physical proof of the visitor's health insurance coverage (paper format of the Policy / Certificate of Insurance) is to be presented to the border authority and healthcare providers on demand.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The medical benefits detailed above and of the mandatory health insurance offering are low compared to most New Zealand-based travel insurance providers. In addition, the policy is limited to medical costs, which does not provide any of the more comprehensive coverage available under a traditional travel insurance product (cancellation, lost luggage etc.) and is therefore not the equivalent of full travel insurance.

Allianz Partners will continue to monitor this development and provide updates. We do not see it as a replacement for customers taking out travel insurance as they usually would. However, if there is an opportunity to register Allianz Partners as an approved provider of insurance, we will take steps to have products included.

For further information on the scheme, refer to the official Qatar Ministry of Public Health site at the [Ministry of Public Health - Mandatory Health Insurance Scheme](#).



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