EU Digital COVID Certificate

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The EU Digital COVID Certificate (DCC) is proof (in digital or paper format) that you have either:

- been vaccinated against COVID-19 **or**
- received a negative COVID-19 test result **or**
- recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months

Your free Digital COVID Certificate will help you to travel safely and more easily within the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How it works

When leaving Ireland

If you are travelling within the EU, check what restrictions are in place in the country you are travelling to on the ReOpen EU website in advance.

Arriving into Ireland from another EU/EEA country

There are 4 types of Digital COVID Certificate:

Certificate based on vaccination

These Digital COVID Certificates are currently being emailed or posted.

Certificate based on recovery

A certificate of recovery will be available from 11 days after a positive test, and will be valid for no more than 180 days after you test positive. Instead of calling the Digital COVID Certificate helpline, you can now fill out an online form to request a certificate of recovery.

Certificate based on negative RT-PCR test

You can book a RT-PCR test privately and a Digital COVID Certificate will be provided by the private RT-PCR testing service. Certificates based on a RT-PCR are valid for 72 hours after the test was taken.

Certificate based on negative antigen test

You can book an antigen test privately and a Digital COVID Certificate will be provided by the private testing service. Certificates based on negative antigen tests are valid for 48 hours after the test was taken.

Keep a hard copy of your Digital COVID Certificate – it may be useful to have this with you.

The Digital COVID Certificate will be in PDF format when emailed to you. You may download it to your phone, where the QR code on the PDF may be inspected or scanned.

Using the COVID Tracker app

Your EU Digital COVID Certificate can now be stored on your COVID Tracker app.

You can use the COVID Tracker App as a 'wallet' to store your Digital COVID Certificate securely on your phone. This can make it easier for you to carry your certificate with you.

Simple steps for how to do this:

- update your COVID Tracker app to the latest version
- scan the QR code on the certificate you get by email or in the post
- if you got your certificate by email, it's easiest to open it on another device. You can then use your mobile device to scan it
- the certificate is only stored on your phone. It is not shared with anyone. You can delete it at any time
- you can use the app to store your certificate without using any of the other features in the app

The document is not a precondition for travel but it does make travelling within the EU easier. However, you will still need to adhere to the restrictions in place in the country you are travelling to. You can find detail on these restrictions on the ReOpen EU website.

Travel to Ireland

Since Sunday 5 December 2021, passengers to Ireland are asked to show a negative test for COVID-19.

Your status	Antigen test	RT-PCR test
Vaccinated or recovered	Negative test no more than 48 hours before you arrive	Negative test no more than 72 hours before you arrive
Not vaccinated	Not valid	Negative test no more than 72 hours before you arrive

- if you do not have proof of vaccination or recovery, you will have to show a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test which was carried out no more than 72 hours before you arrive in Ireland
- if you have proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, you can show a negative ('not detected') antigen test which was carried out no more than 48 hours before you arrive in Ireland. Alternatively, you can show a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test which was carried out no more than 72 hours before you arrive

Only Rapid Antigen Tests which are listed on the common EU Rapid Antigen Test list will be accepted and it must be carried out by a health professional or skilled testing personnel. You can't test yourself.

In situations where a person is unable to present evidence of a negative/not-detected RT-PCR test prior to travel due to continuing to test persistently positive after recovery - a positive RT-PCR result which is no less than 11 days prior to the date on which the person arrives in the State and no more than 180 days prior to the date on which the person so arrives, will be accepted. They are now also be asked to show a negative antigen test together with their positive PCR.

All passengers from a scheduled State are required to have a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test result taken within 72 hours prior to arrival to Ireland. This applies to all passengers even if they have vaccination or recovery certificates.

The online Digital COVID Certificate portal allows you to:

- update details on your certificate
- get a certificate re-sent to you
- check the status of your certificate
- request a certificate of recovery

People who have been vaccinated in another country

For a two-dose vaccine schedule, if you received the first dose abroad and the second dose in Ireland, you may apply for an EU Digital COVID Certificate in Ireland. In this case you will need to contact the service centre and provide evidence of your first vaccine abroad.

If you received your first dose in Ireland and your second dose in another country, then please apply to the country where you received your second dose for a certificate.

If you received your complete vaccine schedule in a third country outside the EU, but are an Irish citizen, you may apply for an EU Digital COVID Certificate online. The service is currently open for applications from individuals 18 years of age and older who hold a valid Irish Passport and reliable proof that they have received a vaccination type currently authorised for use in Ireland including:

- Pfizer-BioNtech Vaccine (Comirnaty®)
- Moderna Vaccine (Moderna®)
- Oxford-AstraZeneca Vaccine (Vaxzevria® or Covishield)
- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Vaccine (Janssen®)

These countries can issue vaccination certificates which are seen as equivalent to the EU DCC when scanned in an EU country. For information on the uses of the EU DCC in each country please visit the relevant country page on Re-Open EU.

The Digital COVID Certificate is designed to support safe travel within the EU but countries may be using the EU Digital COVID Certificate for other domestic purposes, for example: to allow access to restaurants or cinemas. They will have to set that up in national law, so check before you travel.

Data protection

For information on data protection relating to the issuance and verification of EU Digital COVID Certificates please refer to the Digital COVID Certificates Joint Data Controller Arrangement between the Department of Health and the Health Service Executive below.

EU DCC Joint Data Controllers Agreement

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