



**STATEMENT OF
CHANGES IN
IMMIGRATION RULES**

Laid before Tynwald on 14 December 2021 under section 3(2) of the
Immigration Act 1971 (an Act of Parliament as extended to the Isle of Man by the
Immigration (Isle of Man) Order 2008 (SI 2008 no. 680))

The Minister for the Cabinet Office has made the following changes to the Immigration Rules laid down as to the practice to be followed in the administration of the Immigration Act 1971¹ (of Parliament) as it has effect in the Isle of Man² for regulating entry into and the stay of persons in the Isle of Man and contained in the Statement laid before Tynwald on 17 May 2005³.

Commencement

The changes set out in this Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules come into operation on 30 November 2021.

Changes to Part 1

1.1 In paragraph A7(1), for sub-paragraphs (c) and (d), substitute —

- “(c) either of the following apply —
- (i) the person provides evidence which satisfies the Minister that travel to the country where the application for entry clearance would normally be made has been rendered impossible or impractical due to restrictions on travel imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic; or
 - (ii) for so long as the Public Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SD 2020/0551) are in operation; and
- (d) the criteria in either (c)(i) or (c)(ii) remain in place at the date of application referred to in (2).”.

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¹ 1971 c. 77

² See the Immigration (Isle of Man) Order (S.I. 2008 No 680)

³ S.D. 62/05 amended by S.D.692/05, S.D. 442/06, S.D. 547/06, S.D. 781/06, S.D. 871/06, S.D. 124/07, S.D. 303/07, S.D. 534/07, S.D. 02/08, S.D. 500/08, GC 32/09, GC 35/09, GC 14/10, GC 26/10, GC 02/11, SD 518/11, SD 40/12, SD 0288/12, SD 0625/12, SD 0657/12, SD250/13, SD 302/13, SD 345/13, SD 2014/0004, SD 2014/0082, SD 2014/241, SD2014/314, SD2014/324, SD2015/0265, SD2015/0386, SD2016/0092, SD2016/0175, SD5016/0211, SD2017/0066, SD2017/0183, SD2017/0314, SD2018/0084, SD2018/0134, SD2018/0328, SD2019/0119, SD2019/0143, SD2019/0330, SD2019/0380, SD2020/0011, SD2020/0070, SD2020/0088, SD2020/0140, SD2020/0316, SD2020/0344 SD2020/0467, SD2020/0497, SD 2021/0002, SD2021/0155, SD2021/0216 and SD2021/0304.

Explanatory Note

to the Statement of Changes In Immigration Rules SD 2021/0358

(This note is not part of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules)

This Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules amends the temporary COVID-19 related measure at paragraph A7 of the Rules. This amendment will widen the circumstances under which applicants who would normally be required to make an application for entry clearance from outside of the Isle of Man may make an application for leave to remain in lieu of an application for entry clearance while in the Isle of Man.

Such applications may now be made for as long as the Public Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 remain in operation. Paragraph A7 also continues to apply where the person provides evidence that travel to the country where the application for entry clearance would normally be made has been rendered impossible or impractical due to restrictions on travel imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This amendment re-instates a similar provision that was removed from Rule A7 on 28 June 2021 (SD 2021/0216 refers).