



Recognition of Australian-issued COVID-19 vaccination certificates (ICVC) in Greece

The Australian Embassy Athens advises its citizens in Greece that the Greek Government recognises, as fully equivalent, the Australian International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (ICVC).

Additionally, the EU release of 'Simpler Rules for Travel from Outside the EU' (ec.europa.eu 25 November 2021) states that: 'member States should accept non-EU vaccination and recovery certificates deemed equivalent to the EU Digital COVID Certificate (EU DCC).'

Vaccination certificates issued by the Government of Australia meet the EU criteria and Greek authorities have advised the Australian Embassy in Athens that Australian-issued International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates (ICVC) are equivalent to Greece's national certificates and can be shown for all activities whose usage is required by current legislation.

Although the QR Codes which appear on Australian-issued ICVCs cannot currently be read by Greece's validation app (COVID Free Gr), Australian citizens are legally able to present their certificates to be checked manually along with an identity document such as their passport. That Australian ICVCs do not need to be electronically scanned has been confirmed in the form of an announcement made by the Greek Ministry of Development and Investments on 10 November 2021. The actual announcement (in Greek) may be read at [Διαδικασία ελέγχου σε επιχειρήσεις εστίασης και λιανικού εμπορίου πιστοποιητικών εμβολιασμού ή πρόσφατης νόσησης από αλλοδαπούς πελάτες χωρών εκτός Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης | Υπουργείο Ανάπτυξης & Επενδύσεων \(mindev.gov.gr\)](#). You may wish to print and retain a copy of this announcement with your Australian-issued ICVC to show to shop owners who may not be aware of this policy.

The Australian Embassy cannot confirm the accuracy of the content of individual vaccination certificates but requests that all persons inspecting Australian ICVCs consider them for acceptance in line with EU and Greek Government policy.



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