



HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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Advisory on Coronavirus

Amid global outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Australia has now more than 1700 confirmed cases including 7 deaths. Bangladesh is also experiencing increasing number of infections. Both Governments have announced several measures including strict border control to halt the spread of the virus across the countries.

The Government of Bangladesh has announced that all commercial passenger flights from Bahrain, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Turkey and UAE shall not be allowed to land at any international airport in Bangladesh until 31 March 2020. However Commercial passenger flights to and from China, Hong Kong, Thailand and UK will continue to operate until further notice. Persons who need to depart from Bangladesh may like to use one of these routes. Foreign nationals with valid visas staying in Bangladesh now will have the option of extension of their existing visas by two months.


The Australian Government has put level 4 travel advisory which means "do not travel" applicable for Australian citizens and has also closed its borders for all international visitors with effect from 20 March 2020 (2100 hrs).

Most of the Australian states have declared emergency and advised shut-down of non-essential services. Following the shutdown most of the airlines have cancelled operations in Australia.

Under such extraordinary circumstances, Bangladeshi visitors, students and others who are affected due to the ongoing ban and flight cancellation may access information on how to apply for new visas/extension in the following link:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/visa-about-to-expire/stay-longer#content-index-1>

For any emergency the officials of Bangladesh High Commission are available at 0416285069, 0410616803, 0476025032.


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