



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

TRAVEL RETURN EXEMPTION AND VACCINATION FOR CULTURAL WORKERS AND ARTISTS

Who can apply to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts for a priority return travel exemption?

A Cultural Worker or Artist who travelled abroad or is currently abroad for an event and/or festival.

Who is a Cultural Worker or Artist?

The National Registry of Artists and Cultural Workers defines a Cultural Worker as an individual whose technical or administrative labour is necessary to facilitate the production of artistic, visual, literary, performing, audio, visual or audio-visual work by artists.”

An Artist is defined as an individual whose artistic endeavours result in the creation of works of literary, visual or performing arts and audio, visual or audio-visual productions.”

Examples of Cultural Workers and Artists are event managers, bandleaders, pan men, singers, songwriters, puppetry, visual arts, artist management, set design, costume design, pan making, performing arts. This list is not exhaustive.

Who can apply to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts for priority vaccination?

You must be a Cultural Worker or Artist.

What information/documents do I need to submit to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts for priority vaccination as a Cultural Worker or Artist?

- Cultural Worker or Artist name

- Artistic sobriquet (if applicable)
- Email address
- Phone number
- National Identification or Passport Number
- Artistic field of endeavour (for example acting, stage management etc.)
- Evidence of bonafide

What information/documents do I need to submit to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts as a Cultural Worker or Artist to apply for return travel exemption?

- Cultural Worker or Artist name
- Artistic sobriquet (if applicable)
- Email address
- Phone number
- Copy of biodata page of passport
- Artistic field of endeavour (for example acting, stage management, etc.)
- Ministry of National Security return travel exemption reference number
- Date of departure from overseas country
- Evidence of overseas/external booking
- Proof of receipt of World Health Organisation (WHO) approved vaccination (both doses)

Can I apply for the return travel exemption while I am still in Trinidad and Tobago?

No. You can only apply for the return travel exemption when you are out of Trinidad and Tobago (overseas).

I am having trouble with the Ministry of National Security Return Travel Exemption process, where can I get help?

Here is a quick video with an easy step-by-step guide to help you with the Ministry of National Security's Travel Exemption process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QCOMZixNkA>

Can the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts get you an earlier appointment or intervene if you have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts is guided by the Ministry of Health protocols and guidelines for the next vaccination shot. If you already received your first dose, the Ministry of Health will contact you with the next appointment date and COVID-19 Vaccination Facility for the second dose.

How much will it cost to get vaccinated?

The Ministry of Health has advised that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will cover the cost of the vaccine. You will not have to pay for the COVID-19 vaccine administered at designated vaccination facilities.

What should I bring/do when I come to receive the vaccine?

As per Ministry of Health guidelines, on the day of vaccination persons should:

- Have a good meal or non-alcoholic beverage
- Wear clothing that will provide easy access to the upper arm for vaccination
- Bring to the facility:
 - Valid form of identification (e.g. Driver's Permit, National Identification, Passport)
 - Immunization Card (where available)
 - Clinic Card (where applicable)

Will I be given the option to decide which COVID-19 I receive?

As per Ministry of Health guidelines, eligible persons should take the first COVID-19 vaccine that becomes available to them, once there is no medical reason which prevents them from taking that particular vaccine (not clinically contraindicated).

How can I get clarification about the process for vaccination and return travel exemption?

We are happy to answer your questions. Please contact the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts at 624-1403 ext 334 or 512 or 463-5936. You can also send questions or queries to: artistexemptionhelp@tourism.gov.tt.