



TRANSITION PHASE GUIDE LINES FOR WATER TAXI / PASSENGER BOAT / PASSENGER SHIP

1. This document provides measures under which water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship under the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications (MTIC) are permitted to carry out activities during Brunei's transition phase within the National COVID-19 Recovery Framework. Our approach is based on ensuring compliance to core measures listed under COVID-19 Control Measures, the use of *Antigen Rapid Test* (ART) for early screening of the disease and introducing different restrictions for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

2. Transition Phase

May commence at 70% level of vaccination coverage.

Minimise serious illness, hospitalisations and deaths.

3. COVID-19 Control Measures

a) Use of BruHealth App

- **BruHealth Registration:** All water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship must register for a Bruhealth QR code. The QR Code is required to be printed and shown at the boat / ship.
- **Scan BruHealth App:** The owner / Driver / Captain is to ensure all passengers entering the boat scan their BruHealth app once entering (this includes all employees/customers/volunteers).
- **BruHealth Code Color:** Driver / Captain of the boat / ship to ensure only passengers with green and yellow BruHealth codes are allowed to enter. Identification Card (IC) have to be checked for validation purposes.

b) Complete Vaccination:

The owner of the water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship is to ensure all employees who are eligible to be vaccinated (no medical contraindications) are fully vaccinated.

c) Physical distancing measures are in place:

To practice the social and physical distancing that has been implemented which is at least 1.5 m apart between individuals when possible.

d) Ventilation of Boat:

For enclosed boat / ship, the owner of the boat / ship has to ensure the boat / ship have adequate ventilation.

4. The owner of the water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship is required to cooperate to comply with the instructions given by the Government from time to time. Any owner who is found not to comply with the guidelines and conditions set, can be subject to legal action under the Infectious Disease Act Chapter 204 and the permit of the boat / ship can be cancelled / revoked immediately.

5. Fully vaccinated individuals

An individual is considered to be fully vaccinated if he/ she has received the appropriate regimen of WHO Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines or BDMCA-approved vaccines. Vaccination status in an individual's BruHealth, International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis book (Yellow Book), or other acceptable vaccination records can be shown to driver or captain of the boat / ship as proof of vaccination.

6. Measures for the water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship operation

a) Capacity Measures:

- a. Water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship are allowed to operate within a capacity limit 50% of approved allowable capacity. Capacity includes the water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship driver.
- b. Every water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship is required to display their maximum capacity of each boat in a conspicuous place inside the boat.

7. Protocols for boarding water taxi/ passenger boat/ passenger ship

- a. Fully vaccinated passengers with two (2) dose of vaccinations are allowed to board the boat / ship. Proof of vaccination confirmation must be shown.
- b. Use of BruHealth app is mandatory.
- c. Passengers with symptoms are not allowed to board the boat / ship.
- d. All passengers are required to wear a face mask and lifejacket.
- e. All passengers are required to scan the boat QR Code using BruHealth App.
- f. Only passengers with green or yellow BruHealth codes are allowed to enter. Identity card must be presented as proof.
- g. Practice social distancing at all times.
- h. Any physical contact should be avoided.
- i. Passengers are advised to not talk with each other or answer any phone calls while on a water transport.
- j. To perform body temperature check and use hand sanitizer before entering the water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship.
- k. Driver / Captain of the boat / ship drivers are encouraged to undergo ART test once in every two (2) weeks in compliance with the Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam guidelines.
- l. Always comply with the Ministry of Health Brunei Darussalam guidelines.

8. Fare Payment Protocol

- a. The owner of the water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship is recommended to provide payment systems that reduce the physical receipt of payments, such as online banking payment or to provide clean containers for passengers to make payment.

9. Sanitation Management and Germ Disinfection Protocols

- a. Maintain personal hygiene at all times.

- b. Provide hand sanitizers in the boat / ship.
- c. Boat / passenger ship have to be cleaned and disinfected frequently especially on the surface that is being touched frequently such as the boat / ship's seats and the gunwale.

10. Water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship must comply the following conditions during operations:

Owner / Driver / Employee	Passenger
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Only driver and employee that have completed two (2) doses of vaccine are allowed to operate the boat / ship and work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scan QR code using the BruHealth app. Only passengers with GREEN and YELLOW BruHealth colour codes will be allowed to enter the boat / ship.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employer or owner of the boat / ship are advised to ensure the driver and employee carry out ART test once in every two (2) weeks in compliance with the Ministry of Health, Brunei Darussalam guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Passengers that have completed two (2) doses of vaccine are allowed to enter the boat / ship by showing their vaccination status on the BruHealth app or Vaccination Booklet (Yellow Book).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Boat operator / ship operator / employee with GREEN and YELLOW BruHealth colour codes only will be allowed to work / operate the boat / ship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Passengers that are not fully vaccinated are allowed to board the boat / ship with proof of recent negative ART test result.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Any boat operator / ship operator / employee that is not feeling well is not advised to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Face masks are required to be worn at all times.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Boat operator / ship operator and employee are required to wear face masks at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Practice personal hygiene at all times such as washing hands regularly or using hand sanitizer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Register the boat / ship for BruHealth QR code and print the QR code and affixed it at the main entrance / conspicuous area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Passengers are advised to not talk with each other or answer any phone calls while on a water taxi / passenger boat / passenger ship.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Number of passengers allowed to enter a boat / ship at one time is limited to 50% of the normal approved capacity. 	

➤ Perform body temperature check before entering the boat / ship and provide hand sanitizers.	
➤ Adhere to guidelines on cleaning and sanitization of boat / ship.	