

High Commission of India
Nairobi

Mandatory Travel Health Insurance for Visitors to Kenya w.e.f. 05 October 2026

The High Commission of India, Nairobi, wishes to inform Indian nationals intending to travel to Kenya that the Government of Kenya has introduced **mandatory inbound travel health insurance for foreign nationals entering Kenya on or after 05 October 2026**, for stays of less than twelve (12) months, subject to applicable exemptions.

2. **Applicability:** All Indian nationals intending to enter Kenya on or after 05 October 2026 are advised to obtain the prescribed travel health insurance prior to their arrival, irrespective of when their Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) was issued, tickets were booked or travel arrangements were made. Every non-exempt traveller, including minors, must have individual valid insurance coverage.

3. **Obtaining Insurance:** Travellers may purchase the prescribed insurance through the following official Government of Kenya portals:

- i. For new eTA applicants: <https://www.etakenya.go.ke/>
- ii. For travellers already holding a valid eTA: <https://insurance.ecitizen.go.ke/>

An electronic insurance policy document will be issued upon confirmation of payment through the eCitizen platform. Existing foreign travel or medical insurance policies are not accepted as substitutes for the prescribed mandatory insurance.

4. **Validity:** The insurance policy is valid for ninety (90) days and may be used for multiple entries into Kenya during this period, provided the coverage remains valid at the time of each entry.

5. **Exemptions:** The following categories are exempt from the mandatory insurance requirement:

- Kenyan citizens;
- Holders of valid Kenyan residence status;
- Citizens of East African Community (EAC) Partner States;

- Persons seeking asylum;
- Holders of Diplomatic, Official and Service passports;
- Crew members of ships, aircraft, trains, vehicles or other carriers; and
- Transit passengers who do not seek entry into Kenya.

6. **Verification:** Airlines may verify compliance with the insurance requirement at check-in, prior to boarding. Kenyan immigration authorities will also verify insurance coverage at ports of entry. Travellers are therefore advised to retain a copy of their electronic insurance policy for presentation whenever required.

7. For further details, including applicable exemptions, travellers may consult the official Government of Kenya portals.

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