



EU DIGITAL COVID CERTIFICATE

1. LEGISLATION

REGULATION (EU) 2021/953 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL, of 14 June 2021 - on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Directorate-General of Health Guideline No. 007/2021, of 15/06/2021 - EU Digital COVID Certificate: Issue in National Territory

2. MAIN FEATURES

The European Parliament approved the adoption of the COVID-19 digital certificate, which will allow EU citizens who have already been vaccinated, have recovered from an infection or have been tested **to travel without restrictions within the European Union from 1 July**.

The EU Digital COVID Certificate **aims to facilitate safe and free movement in the European Union during the COVID-19 pandemic**, without additional measures and restrictions being imposed by the destination country, including testing and quarantine procedures/mandatory prophylactic isolation being required on arrival in the country of destination.

The EU Digital COVID Certificate is **free** and issued in Portuguese and English. The issuance of the certificate can be requested by **national and foreign citizens** residing in Portugal and who are holders of a National Health Service User Number.

The Certificate is issued in **digital format**, but holders are able to print it.

The Certificate can now be obtained through the National Health [Service \(SNS\) 24 portal](#), through the SNS mobile application or it can be sent to the e-mail address registered in the National User Registry or in the Electronic Health Registry.

It will be possible to use the EU Digital COVID Certificate in all Member States as well as in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Three types of EU Digital COVID Certificate are foreseen:

- a. **Vaccination certificate** – Issued after the administration of each vaccine dose against COVID-19 approved in the European Union, stating whether or not the person has completed the vaccination schedule.

- b. **Test certificate** – Issued after notification in the National Epidemiological Surveillance System (SINAVE) of a negative molecular test result (PCR) within 72 hours from the date and time of collection.

- c. **Recovery Certificate** - Issued between 11 and 180 days after a laboratory test confirming a diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection, to people with a "recovered" status on the Trace-COVID-1 platform

3. FINAL REMARKS

- The issuance of vaccination certificates is currently available for vaccines against COVID-19 that have been approved for use in the European Union, following a positive opinion from the European Medicines Agency.

- Self-diagnostic tests cannot be recognized by the Health Authorities and, consequently, cannot be used for the purpose of issuing the EU Digital COVID Certificate.

- At this stage, only nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) that include RT-PCR and real-time RT-PCR are considered. Rapid molecular tests will soon be included.

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