EU Digital COVID Certificate

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What it is

The EU Digital COVID Certificate is proof (in digital or paper format) that a person has either:

- been vaccinated against COVID-19;
- received a negative test result; or
- recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months

Your Digital COVID Certificate will help you to travel safely within the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How it works

Each individual Member State country will decide how to use EU Digital COVID Certificate as part of their own national public health measures and you can find details of the restrictions for each Member State on ReOpen EU <u>here.</u>

You will be provided with a free EU Digital COVID Certificate by the Member State where the medical event (that is, your vaccination or COVID-19 test) took place. The certificate will be provided in the Member State language and in English.

Your Digital COVID Certificate will contain a QR code with a digital signature for verification.

The certificate will only contain necessary key information, including:

- your name
- your date of birth
- the date of issue
- relevant information about your vaccine or test or recovery
- a unique identifier number

When your certificate is checked, the QR code is scanned, and the signature verified. Your personal data encoded in the certificate is not shared, just verified.

Where you can get yours

The legislation for the Certificate will apply from 1 July across the EU. The Irish Government <u>advised</u>, on 28 May, that the EU Digital COVID Certificate will play a significant role in the proposed new international travel measures intended to be implemented from 19 July 2021.

Teams across the public service are working together to deliver the EU Digital COVID Certificate in Ireland and you will be clearly notified of the steps needed to access the EU Digital COVID Certificate soon.