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Ministry of Civil Aviation
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In October 2021, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India had launched the international version of Digital COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (DCVC). This version is made compliant with the WHO-DDCC-VS data dictionary by adding the Date of Birth (DOB) in place of age. Additionally, facility to link the beneficiary's passport number to the certificate is provided for easier identification at the international port of entry.

2.   As per the feedback received, it has been highlighted that citizens travelling outside India are not necessarily carrying the international version of the DCVC. This is leading to verification issues and delays in check-in/immigration processes outside India. This in turn could also lead to fines on airline carriers, leading to stricter policies enforcement by airline carriers on the passengers.

3.   In order to address these concerns, the international passengers may note the following instructions for generating and accessing International Digital COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate:

Generate DCVC	• Login to www.cowin.gov.in • Click on "Show Certificate" • Click on "International Travel Certificate" and "Download" • Enter DOB and Passport Number • Submit Request
Access DCVC	**May wait for at least 2 hours before download** • Login to www.cowin.gov.in • Click on "Show Certificate" • Click on "International Travel Certificate" and "Download"

4.   The airline can also integrate their website or passenger portals with CoWIN platform to provide the previously mentioned facility and also to authenticate the vaccination status of the passengers. The Instructions for accessing Application Programming Interface (APIs) for integration within airline websites, is as under:

DCVC **API:** Generate and Access DCVC	• Apply Online • Get API Key • Develop Host APIs

	- Integrate with Co-WIN - Perform Testing/Audit - Go Live

Link for detailed policy at:
https://prod-cdn.preprod.co-vin.in/assets/docx/CoWINAPIGuidelinesFinal.pdf

eKYVS API: Know Your Vaccination Status and share it	- Application calls CoWIN API to validate the request - Beneficiary enters the OTP - Post OTP authentication, Co-WIN shares back the vaccination status

Detailed eKYVS policy at:
https://www.cowin.gov.in/assets/images/20211012_eKYVS.pdf

5.   Airlines are advised to issue clear guidelines on their website at the time of booking made by the individual – stating the benefits / requirements for international version of the DCVC, comprising their respective DOB and Passport details. These instructions may be suitably adopted and printed on the ticket itself, for convenience of the passengers and airlines.

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Deputy Secretary

To.
        The Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). It is requested to issue directions/advisories to all airlines stating the benefits of holding an international version of the DCVC, comprising DOB and Passport details, for individuals undertaking international travel.

Copy to:

I.   All Scheduled Operators
II.   SO (SD & IT) – with a request to upload on MoCA website.