

✈️ Guide for Travelers to Maldives with Personal Use Medicines

MEDICINES FOR PERSONAL USE

No separate MFDA approval is required for medicines carried by travelers for their personal use, provided the applicable requirements are met.

Bring only medicines intended for your own treatment — not for sale, distribution, gifting, sharing, or transfer.



Requirements

- ✓ Valid prescription or medical documents with patient and medicine details
- ✓ Certified English translation, where required
- ✓ Original labelled medicine packaging

QUANTITY

The quantity should be consistent with the prescribed treatment and the duration of your stay.

Carry only what is needed and prescribed for your personal treatment.



CONTROLLED DRUGS – PSYCHOTROPICS AND NARCOTICS

Medicines shall be considered as controlled drug if it is included under national (Drug Act 17/2011) or internationally (International Narcotics Board)

Prior approval is not required provided the following conditions and requirements are met *

Prescription / medical records

Issued by the attending physician and covering the treatment period.

Prescription date

Issued within the last 3 months.

Patient identification

Valid patient identification must be presented at clearance.

Standard quantity

Up to 1 month's supply based on the prescribed dose.

Long-term / specialized treatment

Up to 3 months' supply may be allowed with supporting medical documentation.

Medical records

Relevant records must not be older than 3 months and should confirm diagnosis and treatment.

*Refer to the Guideline on Controlled Drug Monitoring and Evaluation— Section 5.6: Import of Controlled Drugs under Special Circumstances: Personal Use and Travelers.

YOUR MEDICINE IS FOR YOU ONLY

Medicines must not be sold, distributed, or transferred to another person in the Maldives under any circumstances.

Any unused medicine must be taken back to the patient's home country upon departure from the Maldives.

ON ARRIVAL

Keep your medicine and supporting documents readily accessible. Present the required documents at clearance and whenever requested by the relevant authorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT:  MTG@MFDA.GOV.MV

Reference Links:

Schedule II of Drug Act 17/2011: <https://gaanoon.com/laws/page/149#reference>

International Narcotics Board: Narcotics (<https://www.incb.org/incb/en/narcotic-drugs/toolkit.html>), Psychotropics (<https://www.incb.org/incb/en/psychotropics/toolkit.html>)

Guideline on Controlled Drug Monitoring and Evaluation: (<https://mfda.gov.mv/en/downloads/gln-cd>)