



18 useful questions and answers about the lockdown in Greece

1 **Restriction of movement: what is it and why is it applied?**

COVID-19 spreads easily and endangers the health of vulnerable groups which in turn puts heavy pressure on the National Health System as it needs to care for a great number of people at the same time. The situation that other countries are dealing with, is a clear indicator.

The restriction of individuals' movement is intended to halt the spread of COVID-19 by keeping us at home and healthy and to protect our healthcare system. Judging from other countries' experience, it is necessary to do this now.

2 **When would it take effect?**

As of 06:00 on Monday, 23 March, and until 06:00 on Monday, 6 April 2020.

3 **Does it concern certain areas only or is it going to be applied throughout Greece?**

It applies throughout Greece; no areas are exempted.

4 **Are there any exemptions?**

Yes, there are certain groups exempted, i.e. law enforcement and armed forces staff; medical and nursing staff; General Secretariat for Civil Protection staff, in order to be able to carry out their duties.

5 **In which cases are individuals allowed to leave home?**

Individuals will only be allowed to leave home for one of the following reasons:

- a) Travel to and from work during working hours.
- b) Going to the pharmacy or to the doctor provided this is necessary, further to telephone consultation.
- c) Going to the super market, mini market for basic necessities, if delivery is not possible.
- d) Going to the bank if the necessary transaction is not possible online.
- e) Going to assist someone in need.
- f) Attending a ceremony (e.g. funeral, wedding, christening) as per the relevant legislation; maintaining parent-child contact in case of divorced or separated parents as per relevant legislation.
- g) Exercising outdoors or walking a pet. If accompanied by another individual, then there should be a 1.5 metres distance between the two.
- h) One-off travel to one's permanent residence.

6 **Who is going to monitor compliance and how?**

Hellenic Police is responsible to oversee the implementation of the restriction measures, assisted by Municipal Police and Coast Guard within their areas of jurisdiction. National Agency for Transparency will also be actively involved. Individuals must be able to present their ID card or passport along with their Pass/Permit.

7 Is there going to be a fine for those who fail to comply?

Yes. There is going to be a fine of 150 euros for each violation.

8 Movement Permit document: what is it?

Two types of documents are available:

Type A Permit: for employees' movement to and from work; to be issued once by the employer. In the case of self-employed professionals, the form is issued and signed by the professionals themselves. It lists name, home address, work address and working hours (arrival & departure). Employee must carry the permit during his/her movement to and from work.

9 What about other movements allowed?

For any other movement (going to the super market, pharmacy, bank, etc.) individuals are required to fill in a separate, ad hoc **Type B Permit** detailing their name, home address, destination address and the reason for movement.

10 Where can I get these permits?

Permits documents are available on <https://forma.gov.gr/>.

Individuals can download and fill the relevant form:

- Permit for Employee movement (PDF)
- Permit for Employee movement (MS-Word)
- Declaration of ad hoc movement (PDF)
- Declaration of ad hoc movement (MS-Word)

If the forms are not accessible for any reason, a handwritten declaration is accepted provided it includes the following information:

First Name / Last Name

Home Address

Reason for movement (as per the list)

Destination address

Date, time, signature

II Is there any other way to log my movement (e.g. on mobile) so that I don't need to print and fill in forms?

Yes, you can send an SMS (free of charge) to the dedicated number, 13033, every time you leave your house, detailing your full name, home address and the reason for movement – example below:

X space name, surname and home address

X: number corresponding to the reason for movement as per the list below:

1. Going to the pharmacy or to the doctor, provided there has been such advice in prior communication.
2. Going to a store to get basic necessities and/or goods that cannot be delivered at home.
3. Going to the bank, only for transactions not available online
4. Going to assist people in need/emergency
5. Attending a ceremony, e.g. funeral, wedding, christening, as per law. Movement necessary to maintain parent-child contact in the case of separated or divorced parents, as per law.
6. Short movement close to home for personal exercise (not any kind of group sports activity) or to walk a pet, either on your own or in teams of two, provided a 1.5 metres distance is kept between the two.

You'll get a reply as follows:

Movement space X space name, surname and home address

If asked, you will need to present this SMS along with your ID card or passport.

12 What if my workplace is in a different city than my home?

In case an employee must commute to a different city for work purposes, then s/he would need to carry the Type A permit.

13 What if I am currently away and need to return home? Am I allowed to?

Of course you are. You will need a Certificate of Permanent Residence, available free of charge, on <https://www.aade.gr/bebaiosi-katoikias-eidikis-hrisis>, or a copy of your E1 tax return form.

14 Which public spaces am I not allowed to visit?

As of Monday 23 March playgrounds, outdoors sports facilities, marinas and parks are closed to the public.

15 Does this restriction of movement affect the operation of businesses that remain open as per Greek State decisions, i.e. super markets, bakeries, pharmacies, gas stations, etc.?

No. The operation of these businesses, as well as of public sector agencies which are still open, is not affected; they remain open as per the strict guidance regarding movement of their staff.

16 What about public transport?

Public Transport will continue to operate during the day, although less frequently, ensuring adequate service particularly during commuting hours. Driving private vehicles is allowed provided that movement is necessary (see Q5) and there is only driver + one in the car.

17 Restriction of movement: what does it mean for the operation of public and private sector?

Neither public nor private sector are crippled as a result. They are still operating with the necessary staff and according to specific instructions within a very strict framework.

18 What arrangements are there for social groups such as the homeless, Roma and drug users?

Local authorities are responsible for reaching out to Roma population in their area so that they stay in their settlement and observe the restriction of movement rule. Local authorities are also responsible for transferring homeless and drug users in need to municipal shelters where they are offered proper accommodation and care.

In addition, municipal social services arrange for the daily home delivery of meals or supplies to those eligible for food ration. If aid recipients have not registered their home address, they can do so over the phone.



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