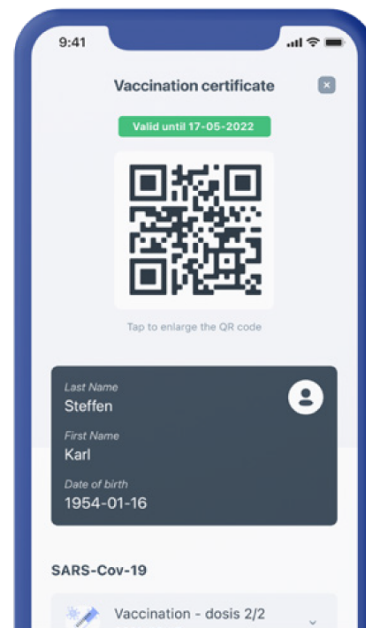# Covid certificates,
also for events

Manual for

event organisers

Covid certificates, also for domestic use

✓ **Available since 16 June**

   via CovidSafeBE and different websites. Vaccination certificates can also be forwarded.

✓ **More than 11 million certificates downloaded to date**

   More than 2.6 million users have already installed the CovidSafeBE app

✓ **Available from 1 July for travel within the EU**

   Certificate is scanned at border crossings both on the outbound and return journey

✓ **New: Shortly also for domestic use to attend mass events safely**
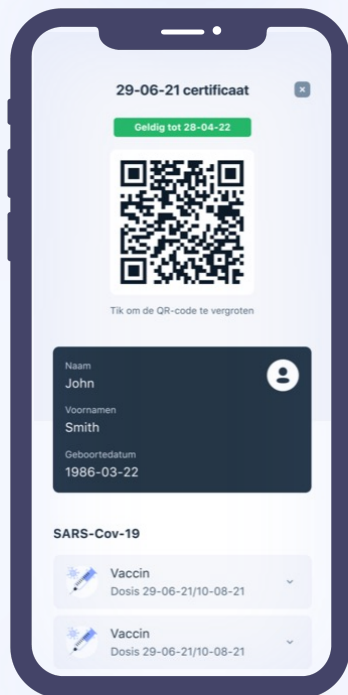
   Certificate is scanned at the entrance

Scanning certificates at mass events

- **Mass events:**
  - Between **1,500** and 75,000 visitors per day
  - Outdoors from **13 August** until 30 September 2021
  - Indoors from 1 September (subject to additional conditions)
- **Test and pilot projects: research-oriented experiments**
  - Research-oriented experiments with the purpose of acquiring additional knowledge on safe modalities and contamination risks.

Advantages of Covid certificate

- ✓ **Standardised QR code** used by all EU countries and that therefore works for all EU residents.

- ✓ General public is already familiar with the solution. No new app or document required.

- ✓ **CovidScanBE** solution available to scan certificates easily and quickly.

- ✓ **Privacy**: the certificate is easy to scan by access control staff without revealing health data.
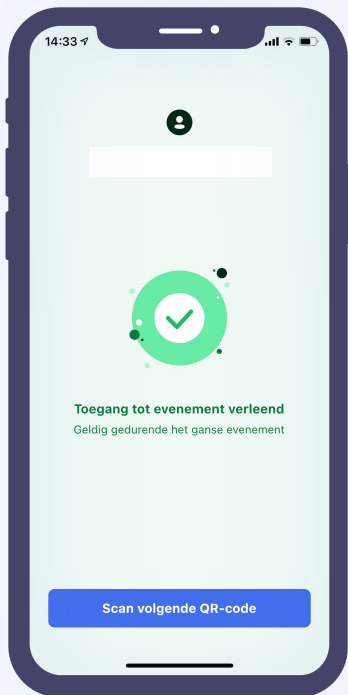
Attention:

- Possession of a Covid certificate does **not automatically** give access to an event

- CovidScanBE validates the certificate to ascertain whether or not the holder is entitled to attend a mass event. Examples of these rules:

  - Check whether it's a **valid** EU certificate

  - Checking the person's **age** to determine whether he or she needs a certificate.

  - With **vaccination certificates**: status and date to determine whether the holder has been vaccinated long enough and can therefore be regarded as 'Covid safe'.

  - With **test certificates**: verify test result, test type and test date to determine whether the validity of the certificate is sufficient (2 days for PCR test, 1 day for RAT test)

  - With **recovery certificate**: between 11 and 180 days after positive PCR test
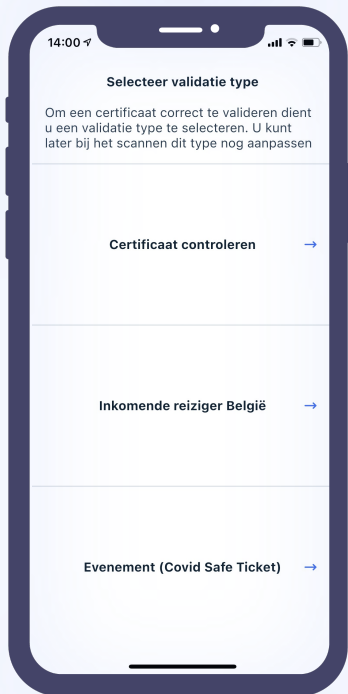
CovidScanBE: official scanning app

- ✓ Only the official CovidScanBE app can be used to scan certificates.

- ✓ The app is available for iOS (12.5) and Android (5).

- ✓ An APK can be used to build the app into specific scanning hardware. More details: https://covidscan.be/en/faq.html#can-the-validation-of-covid-certificates-be-integrated-into-other-software-applications

- ✓ Preparations for the support of scanning hardware by, among others, Zebra, Honeywell and Bluebird Laser is in the final stages
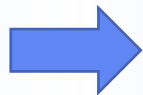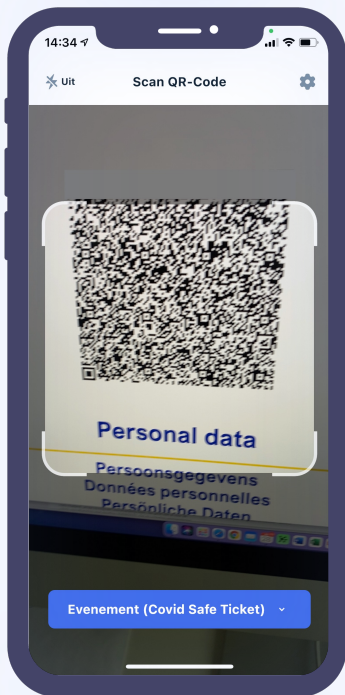
CovidScanBE: 3 operating modes

Three modes to validate certificates:

✓ **'Validity'** mode: only checks the validity of the certificate, without applying the rules for travel and events

✓ **'Travel'** mode: for border checks in Belgium. Checks certificates in accordance with the rules in force at border crossings into Belgium. NOT available for events.

✓ **'Event'** mode **(so-called Covid Safe ticket)**: access control at mass events. This mode checks the certificate in accordance with the rules set for events in Belgium.

(Phone screen text:)

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Selecteer validatie type

Om een certificaat correct te valideren dient u een validatie type te selecteren. U kunt later bij het scannen dit type nog aanpassen

Certificaat controleren →

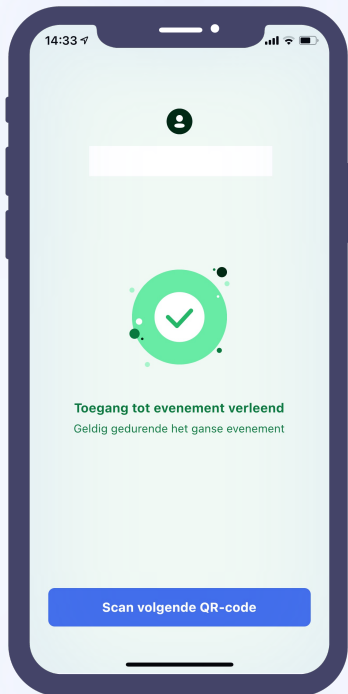**Inkomende reiziger België** →

Evenement (Covid Safe Ticket) →

CovidScanBE: official scanning app

- When the certificate is scanned a **green or red** indication appears (access allowed or NOT allowed respectively).

- Test certificates display **how many hours** visitors have permission (24 or 48 hours depending on the test type).

- Subsequently the organiser can use wristbands or other means to monitor how long visitors have access.

Scan certificate + check identity

Toegang tot evenement verleend
Geldig gedurende het ganse evenement

Scan volgende QR-code

+

Every time visitors **access** an event the organiser will carry out **checks**:

✓ Certificate checks

✓ Check to confirm that the identity of the person matches that mentioned on the certificate e.g. through an ID card, passport or driving licence (or another ID document with biometric data).

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Who can scan certificates and perform ID checks?

- Scanning must be done with the CovidScanBE app.

- Scanning certificates and performing ID checks is reserved for:

  - Persons tasked with access control at events e.g. stewards

  - Personnel of a security firm or internal security service as stipulated in the Act of 2 October 2017 regulating Private and Special Security.

If the Covid certificate does not grant access to the event:

- ✓ **No access** to the event

- ✓ The organiser may offer the possibility of taking a rapid antigen test (RAT) on site, to be administered by care professionals (as intended in the act of 6 November 2020). This rapid antigen test (RAT) only grants access to the event **AFTER a certificate has been issued** to the user to document the result of the test.
Several hours may elapse between the test and the availability of a certificate, depending on how fast the results are registered.

- ✓ **No more than 90 minutes** separate the registration of the RAT test in the Sciensano database from the delivery of the certificate.

Multi-day events

✓ **Every time a person accesses** the event location and **at least once a day** the user must be able to present a valid Covid certificate at a checkpoint.

✓ With the first check of the Covid certificate the organiser may provide an alternative means of indicating the validity of the certificate such as a **wristband** with a colour code. Visitors who are on the grounds and possibly spend the night there can use this alternative to gain access to the grounds or part thereof without having the Covid certificate scanned again.

✓ If the certificate expires in the course of the day (e.g. test certificate expires at 10 a.m.) then the person in question can remain on the grounds until midnight. The person in question must leave the event location by midnight at the latest unless they have meanwhile obtained a new and valid test certificate.

Support for event organisers

✓ Digitaal Vlaanderen has a **point of contact** for the industry regarding the Covid certificates and the CovidScanBE app:
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CovidSafeBE and CovidScanBE
is a collaboration by government services in Belgium