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# Quarantine and COVID-19 Testing for Air Crew Direction (No. 2)

## Summary

**Effective from:** 10pm AEST 6 May 2021

**Posted:** 6 May 2021

**Direction from Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency**

## Quarantine and COVID-19 Testing for Air Crew Direction (No. 2)

*Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)*

Section 362B

On 29 January 2020, under the *Public Health Act 2005*, the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services made an order declaring a public health emergency in relation to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The public health emergency area specified in the order is for 'all of Queensland'. Its duration has been extended by regulation to 29 June 2021 and may be further extended.

Further to this declaration, I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, reasonably believe it is necessary to give the following direction pursuant to the powers under s 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

## Preamble

The purpose of this Direction is to protect the health of the community and air crew by mitigating the risk of the spread of COVID-19 through quarantine and COVID-19 testing of air crew.

## Guidance

A person entering Queensland under this Direction must comply with any relevant requirements of other Public Health Directions while the person is in Queensland.

Separately from the requirements under Public Health Directions, under sections 362G and 362H of the *Public Health Act 2005*, a person may be given a direction by an **emergency officer (public health)** to stay at or in a particular place for up to 14 days if the emergency officer believes it is reasonably necessary to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

## Citation

1. This Public Health Direction may be referred to as the *Quarantine and COVID-19 Testing for Air Crew Direction (No. 2)*.

## Revocation

2. The *Quarantine and COVID-19 Testing for International Air Crew Direction* effective from 9.00am on 23 April 2021 is revoked from time of publication of this Direction.

## Commencement

3. This Direction applies from the time of publication until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless revoked or replaced.

## PART 1 – QUEENSLAND INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS REGISTRATION

4. This part applies to **Queensland-based air crew**, **international air crew** and **Australian Defence Force air crew** who arrive in Queensland and who have been in a place outside **Australia** in the 14 days immediately before their arrival.
5. A person mentioned in paragraph 4 must apply for and receive a **Queensland International Arrivals Registration** and must declare:
  - a. the person's name, date of birth, primary residential address in **Australia**, phone number and email address; and
  - b. if requested, satisfactory evidence of identity; and  
*Examples of evidence of identity – Passport, driver licence, Medicare card*
  - c. whether the person is an **unaccompanied minor**; and
  - d. travel details including arrival date in Queensland; and
  - e. any other information or documents required by an **emergency officer (public health)** or required for the **Queensland International Arrivals Registration**.
6. Despite paragraph 5, **Queensland-based air crew**, **international air crew** and **Australian Defence Force air crew** who have only been in a **safe travel zone country** in the 14 days prior to arriving in Queensland and have travelled to Queensland on a **quarantine-free flight** are not required to give a **Queensland International Arrivals Registration**.

## PART 1A – QUARANTINE FOR AIR CREW ARRIVING FROM OVERSEAS OR WHO HAVE BEEN ON A FLIGHT WITH AIR CREW WHO HAVE BEEN OVERSEAS

7. This Direction applies to **Queensland-based air crew**, **Australian Defence Force air crew** and **international air crew** who arrive in Queensland and who have been in a place outside **Australia** in the 14 days immediately before their arrival and to **domestic crew** who have travelled with these crew.  
  
*Note: The requirements in the Direction do not apply to air crew who have travelled to Queensland on a **quarantine-free flight** from a **safe travel zone country**. However, these air crew may be asked general screening questions under the Quarantine for International Arrivals Direction (No. 8) or its successors.*
8. **Queensland-based air crew**, **Australian Defence Force air crew** and **international air crew** must quarantine in **nominated premises** in accordance with paragraph 20 until:
  - a. their next international work voyage which is departing from their port of quarantine or their domestic flight in accordance with paragraph 18; or

b. 14 days have passed from their date of arrival in Queensland, whichever is shorter.

9. An **airline operator** must ensure that:

- a. appropriate transportation that complies with the **Operational Guideline for Air Crew** is available for **Queensland-based air crew, Australian Defence Force air crew** or **international air crew** to travel to and from a **nominated premises**; and
- b. **Queensland-based air crew, Australian Defence Force air crew** or **international air crew** travel directly to their **nominated premises** from their port of arrival without stopping; and
- c. any **Queensland-based air crew, Australian Defence Force air crew** or **international air crew** leaving quarantine to join their next international work voyage must travel directly from their **nominated premises** to their port of departure without stopping.

10. **Queensland-based air crew** engaged by an **approved airline** or **Australian Defence Force air crew** who arrive in Queensland from a place outside **Australia** may quarantine at a suitable home residence in Queensland if the following requirements can be met:

- a. the person can provide an undertaking that no other person who ordinarily lives at the air crew member's residence is a **designated worker**; and
- b. the person can comply with the **Operational Guidelines for Air Crew**; and
- c. if the person is a **member of positioning crew**, they can provide evidence that they are a **member of positioning crew**; and
- d. the person has not been otherwise directed by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

11. **Queensland-based air crew** and **Australian Defence Force air crew** quarantining at a home residence or military base, after completing immigration, customs and any other requirements must:

- a. travel directly, from their port of disembarkation to their home residence:
  - i. using **private transport**; and
  - ii. for a distance of no more than two hours safe driving distance from their port of disembarkation; and
  - iii. without stopping; and
- b. strictly comply with the quarantine requirements in Part 2; and
- c. strictly comply with the **Operational Guidelines for Air Crew**.

*Note: Further information about managing driver fatigue is available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website at: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Driver-guide/Driving-safely/Driving-tired.aspx>.*

12. **Queensland-based air crew** and **Australian Defence Force air crew** who do not have **private transport** available to travel from their port of disembarkation to their home residence must enter **government-nominated accommodation**.

13. **Domestic air crew** who arrive in Queensland on a domestic flight from another State or Territory, including on a **crew-only flight**, who have travelled in the 14 days immediately before entering Queensland on an aircraft with air crew who have been in a place outside of **Australia** in the last 14 days must quarantine in accordance with paragraph 20 in nominated premises unless the person is a domestic pilot who operated a **crew-only flight** in accordance with paragraph 14.

14. Despite paragraph 13, domestic pilots can fly **crew-only flights** with **Queensland-based air crew, Australian Defence Force air crew** and **international air crew** on board without having to quarantine when they arrive in Queensland if the following requirements can be met:
- a. the pilot remains in the cockpit throughout the flight unless they are using the restroom; and
  - b. if using the restroom, the pilot has access to dedicated restroom facilities that are not used by anyone else on board the flight; and
  - c. the pilot remains separate from the repositioning air crew in the cabin for the duration of the flight, at all other times when embarking and disembarking from the aircraft and when travelling to an airport to board the flight.
15. Each **airline operator** must develop a **Compliance Plan** outlining the measures that will be taken by the **airline operator** to ensure **Queensland-based air crew** comply with:
- a. home quarantine requirements under paragraph 10; and
  - b. **surveillance testing** requirements; and
  - c. requirements under the **Operational Guidelines for Air Crew**; and
  - d. all other requirements under relevant Public Health Directions.
16. An **airline operator** must provide a copy of their **Compliance Plan** to an **emergency officer (public health)** on request and if requested, evidence to demonstrate how the airline operator is implementing the measures in the **Compliance Plan**.
17. **Queensland-based air crew** and **international air crew** arriving in Queensland on a **freight flight** or **ferry flight** from a place outside **Australia** are permitted to take a domestic freight or ferry on-flight to another destination in Queensland or another State or Territory if they can provide the following to an **emergency officer (public health)**:
- a. written confirmation from the **airline operator** that the person has travelled on a **freight flight** or a **ferry flight**; and
  - b. if the flight is travelling to another State or Territory, written confirmation from the relevant government agency from the receiving State or Territory that they have been notified of and accepted the arrival of the **freight flight** or **ferry flight**; and
  - c. an undertaking the person has not left the **confines of the airport** at their port of arrival in Queensland and had no contact with members of the community.
- Note: air crew seeking to stay overnight at their port of arrival in Queensland before repositioning to their next destination will require an exemption to leave quarantine under paragraph 30.*
18. **Queensland-based air crew** and **international air crew** who have been in a place outside **Australia** in the 14 days immediately before their arrival in Queensland are permitted to reposition from Queensland to another State or Territory on a domestic flight if the following apply:
- a. the person travels from either their port of arrival or home residence to board the flight in accordance with paragraph 20(d) and (f) and without stopping; and
  - b. the person will immediately depart **Australia** on an outbound international work voyage on arrival to another State or Territory; and
  - c. the person travels on a **crew-only flight**.
19. **Queensland-based air crew** and **international air crew** arriving in Queensland on an aeromedical flight from a place outside **Australia** are permitted to take a domestic aeromedical on-flight to another destination in Queensland to complete a patient transfer if the following requirements can be met:

- a. the first port of arrival in Queensland is for a contactless fuel stop and customs only; and
- b. the crew comply with any surveillance testing requirements under this Direction or the *COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Requirements (Contact by Health Workers with Cases) Direction*; and
- c. the air crew and passengers do not leave the tarmac at their first port of arrival unless to use toilet facilities designated by the airport for these crew and passengers; and
- d. on arrival to the destination in Queensland for patient transfer, the crew do not leave the **confines of the airport**, unless required to quarantine in **government nominated accommodation** before the return flight; and
- e. the return flight is a **crew-only flight** and no crew members join the aircraft for the return flight.

## PART 2 – QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

20. A person who is required to quarantine under this Direction:

- a. must not leave the **nominated premises** for 14 days or until their next international work voyage or **crew-only flight** in accordance with paragraph 18, whichever is shorter, except:

- i. for the purposes of obtaining essential medical care at a **hospital**; or
- ii. to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm; or

*Example – escaping a risk of harm related to sexual or domestic and family violence; or accessing support from a domestic and family violence support service*

- iii. in the event of an emergency situation; or

- iv. for **Queensland-based air crew** or **domestic air crew** with a primary place of residence in Queensland, to carry out mandatory training and assessment within Queensland which is required to be undertaken in-person to ensure that flight crew meet regulatory requirements to operate aircraft or to ensure safety of flights; or

*Example: flight simulation training or the components of essential safety and security training that must be undertaken in person, including training that may be carried out while the person is not on their usual work shift or duty.*

- v. for **Australian Defence Force air crew**, to carry out mandatory training and assessment within Queensland which is required to be undertaken by the Australian Defence Force; or

- vi. to undertake a COVID-19 test; or

- vii. as otherwise required or permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and

- b. for a person directed to quarantine at **government-nominated accommodation**, must not open the door to the **nominated premises**, except:

- i. for a permitted purpose under paragraph 20(a); or
- ii. when permitted by a **quarantine facility worker** to collect any food, laundry, medical supplies or other items left at the door of their **nominated premises** by a **quarantine facility worker**; or
- iii. when permitted by a **quarantine facility worker** to place any laundry, rubbish or other items directly outside the door of their nominated premises for collection by a **quarantine facility worker**; or

iv. when permitted by an **emergency officer (public health)** to be tested for COVID-19; and

c. for a person directed to quarantine at **government-nominated accommodation**, must not:

i. physically interact with other guests from another **nominated premises** on a balcony of the **nominated premises**; or

*Note: a quarantined person should maintain **physical distancing** from other guests on other balconies at **government-nominated accommodation***

ii. accept or exchange items with other guests between balconies at **government-nominated accommodation**; or

iii. enter any balcony other than a balcony of the person's **nominated premises**; and

d. must wear a **surgical mask**:

i. whenever directed to do so by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and

ii. when travelling to and from the **nominated premises** for the purposes of commencing quarantine or leaving quarantine prior to completing 14 days to join an international work voyage; and

iii. when leaving and returning to the **nominated premises** during quarantine as permitted under paragraph 20(a) or whenever the door to the **nominated premises** is open as permitted under paragraph 20(b), unless:

1. it is not practicable due to the need to avoid immediate injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm; or

2. it is not practicable because of the emergency situation; or

3. the person has a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, which makes wearing a surgical mask unsuitable; or

*Examples: persons who have obstructed breathing, a serious skin condition on their face, an intellectual disability, a mental health illness, or who have experienced trauma.*

4. permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and

e. any travel when permitted to leave and return to the **nominated premises** during quarantine under paragraph 20(a)(i) must be by ambulance service; and

f. any travel when permitted to leave and return to the **nominated premises** during quarantine under paragraph 20(a)(ii),(iii), (iv), (v), (vi) or (vii) must be by:

i. ambulance service; or

ii. from time of publication of this Direction until 9.00am on 21 May 2021, transport provided by an **airline operator**; or

iii. from 9.00am on 21 May 2021, a transport provider endorsed by a government authority and with a Transport Plan in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer; or

iv. for **Queensland-based air crew, domestic air crew** or **Australian Defence Force air crew** quarantining at a home residence, **private transport** in accordance with the *Operational Guidelines for Air Crew*; or

- v. an emergency services vehicle in emergency or serious situations as permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and
  - g. must not permit any other person to enter the **nominated premises** unless that other person:
    - i. resides in the **nominated premises** with a person who is **Queensland-based air crew**; or
    - ii. is required or permitted under a direction given to a person by an **emergency officer (public health)** to conduct a COVID-19 test; or
    - iii. for **government-nominated accommodation**, is required or permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)** in an emergency and contact details of the other person are recorded; or

*Example: an emergency medical situation where it is not practicable to transport the quarantined person to a hospital.*

  - iv. for a **residence**, is required to enter to conduct a COVID-19 test or in an emergency situation; and
- Note: A **nominated premises** includes the balcony of a government-nominated hotel room. A quarantined person must not permit any person to enter their balcony unless they are permitted by paragraph 8(g) above.*
- h. will be quarantined for a further period of 14 days from the end of the quarantine period if the person does not comply with **surveillance testing** requirements; and
  - i. is subject to Chapter 8, Part 7AA of the *Public Health Act 2005*.

*Notes:*

*Under sections 362G and 362H of the Public Health Act 2005, an emergency officer (public health) can give a direction to a person to stay at or in a particular place for up to 14 days if the emergency officer believes the direction is reasonably necessary to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 in the community.*

- 21. If a person required to quarantine under this Direction develops **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**, they must:
  - a. immediately seek medical attention; and
  - b. be tested for COVID-19 and **isolate** until a negative test result is received and they are symptom-free.

## PART 3 – COVID-19 TESTING OF AIR CREW

- 22. **International air crew** quarantining at a **nominated premises** must undertake **surveillance testing** for COVID-19 conducted by a **relevant authority**.
- 23. **Queensland-based air crew** quarantining at a **nominated premises** must undertake **surveillance testing** for COVID-19.
- 24. Each **airline operator** must keep records of **surveillance testing** of **Queensland-based air crew**, and **international air crew** and provide these records to an **emergency officer (public health)** on request.
- 25. **Queensland-based air crew** or **international air crew** who are tested for COVID-19 in accordance with paragraph 22 or 23 are permitted to leave quarantine for their next international work voyage or their domestic flight in accordance with paragraph 18 while awaiting a test result unless there is another lawful reason for them to **isolate** provided:

- a. they comply with quarantine requirements under paragraph 20; and
- b. do not have ***symptoms consistent with COVID-19***.

*Example: A Queensland-based air crew member may be directed to isolate for another reason such as being identified as a close contact of a person with COVID-19.*

## PART 4 – SCREENING AND EVIDENTIARY PROVISIONS

26. An ***emergency officer (public health)*** may require any person subject to this Direction to answer questions or provide evidence about:
- a. whether the person has ***symptoms consistent with COVID-19***; and
  - b. whether they have been knowingly exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days; and
  - c. their name; and
  - d. their date of birth; and
  - e. their phone number while in Australia; and
  - f. their intended address while in Australia; and
  - g. their email address; and
  - h. their flight number; and
  - i. their flight seat number; and
  - j. the places the person has been in the 14 days before arriving in Queensland; and
  - k. for ***Queensland-based air crew*** or ***domestic air crew*** with a primary place of residence in Queensland, evidence of the essential and mandatory nature of training or assessment required to be completed during quarantine.

## PART 5 – OTHER MATTERS

27. An ***emergency officer (public health)*** can give a direction to a ***Queensland-based air crew*** member or an ***international air crew*** member about the conduct of a COVID-19 test.
28. An ***emergency officer (public health)*** can require an ***airline operator*** to comply with additional directions if the emergency officer believes the direction is reasonably necessary to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

## PART 6 – EXEMPTIONS

29. The Chief Health Officer, the Deputy Chief Health Officer or their delegate may grant a person an exemption from all or part of these directions on the basis of extreme exceptional circumstances.
30. An exemption may be given on conditions and if so, the person given the exemption must comply with the conditions.

## PART 7 – DEFINITIONS

31. Definitions used in this Direction are in Schedule 1.

## PART 8 – PENALTIES



A person to whom the direction applies commits an offence if the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the direction.

Section 362D of the *Public Health Act 2005* provides:

Failure to comply with public health directions

A person to whom a public health direction applies must comply with the direction unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units or 6 months imprisonment.

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Chief Health Officer

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## SCHEDULE 1 – DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Public Health Direction:

**Airline operator** means the person, business or entity that owns, controls or operates an aircraft arriving in Queensland from a point of origin outside of **Australia**.

**Approved airline** is an airline specified in Schedule 2.

**Australia** means the Commonwealth of Australia and includes the external territories of Norfolk Island, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Coral Sea Islands and Heard and McDonald Islands but excludes the Australian Antarctic Territory.

**Australian Defence Force air crew** means

- a. an Australian Defence Force air crew member performing military tasking in accordance with a lawful order, excluding members ordinarily travelling for posting or leave purposes; or
- b. an off-shift Australian Defence Force air crew member travelling as a passenger on an aircraft to reposition at another location to immediately commence military tasking in accordance with a lawful order.

**Compliance Plan** means a plan developed by an **airline operator** that sets out the measures that will be taken to ensure **Queensland-based air crew** comply with home quarantine and **surveillance testing** requirements under this Direction, the **Operational Guidelines for Air Crew** and all other requirements under relevant Public Health Directions.

**Confines of the airport** means the terminal or terminals of an airport used for the arrival and departure of aircraft and passengers by air, or the area of an airport that the person uses to transfer directly between terminals.

*Example: a person did not leave the confines of the airport if they stay in a passenger terminal until their next flight or transferred directly between terminals to depart on their flight. However, a person leaves the confines of the airport if they go to a hotel in the airport precinct and stay overnight.*

**COVID-19 hotspot** means a particular area of Australia decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website (<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/declared-hotspots-direction>).

**Crew-only flight** means a domestic flight travelling within **Australia** with:

- a. only **Queensland-based air crew, international air crew, Australian Defence Force air crew** or **domestic air crew** on board; and
- b. no passengers on board.

**Designated worker** means the following:

- a. a person providing services as a registered health practitioner; or
- b. a person providing services as an NDIS service provider within the meaning of the *Disability Services Act 2006*; or
- c. person who works, contracts or volunteers in a hospital, as defined in schedule 2 to the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*; or
- d. a person who works, contracts or volunteers in a private health facility, as defined in section 8 of the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999*; or
- e. a person who works, contracts or volunteers in a multi-purpose service, as defined in section 104 of the *Subsidy Principles 2014* made under section 96-1 of the *Aged Care Act 1997* (Cth); or
- f. a person who works, contracts or volunteers in a facility at which residential care, within the meaning of the *Aged Care Act 1997* of the Commonwealth, is provided; or
- g. person who works, contracts or volunteers in a shared disability accommodation service as defined by the *Disability Accommodation Services Direction (No.14)* or its successors; or
- h. a person who works, contracts or volunteers in a corrective services facility as defined under the *Corrective Services Act 2006*; or
- i. a person who works, contracts or volunteers in a detention centre as defined under the *Youth Justice Act 1992*.

**Domestic air crew** means an on-shift or off-shift air crew member who has serviced a **crew-only flight** in the last 14 days.

**Emergency officer (public health)** means an emergency officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 2005*.

*Note: Emergency officers appointed under the Public Health Act 2005 include public health officers and police and includes emergency officers (medical) and emergency officer (general).*

**Ferry flight** means an inbound flight to **Australia** transporting essential crew only with no passengers on board.

**Freight flight** means a flight transporting freight and essential crew only where no new crew members board the aircraft in a place outside of **Australia**.

**Government-nominated accommodation** means a hospital, hotel or other accommodation premises at which the person is directed to quarantine by an **emergency officer (public health)** at which the Queensland Government provides a security and health overlay.

**Hospital** means:

- a. a hospital, as defined in schedule 2 to the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*; or
- b. a private health facility, as defined in section 8 of the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999*; or
- c. a multi-purpose service, as defined in section 104 of the *Subsidy Principles 2014* made under section 96-1 of the *Aged Care Act 1997* (Cth).

**International air crew** means a person whose primary place of residence is not in Queensland and who does not enter Queensland on a **quarantine-free flight** who is:

- a. an air crew member actively servicing an inbound flight to Australia; or
- b. an off-shift air crew member travelling to reposition to commence duty in Australia; or
- c. an aeromedical services crew member providing patient transport or emergency medical care to a patient; or
- d. an off-shift aeromedical services crew member who is travelling as a passenger on an aircraft to reposition to commence duty in Australia.

*Note: Air crew servicing **quarantine-free flights** to Queensland from a **safe-travel zone country** are not required to quarantine under this Direction.*

**Isolate** means:

- a. the person is to travel directly to premises that are suitable to reside in and remain in those premises until a negative test result is received and they are symptom-free; or
- b. travel directly to, or remain at, a hospital for medical treatment, and following treatment and discharge from the hospital, travel directly to premises that are suitable to reside in and remain in those premises until a negative test result is received and they are symptom-free; and
- c. must not leave the premises except to:
  - i. obtain essential medical care or essential medical supplies where alternative delivery arrangements are not reasonably practicable;
  - ii. avoid injury or escape a risk of harm; or
  - iii. in the event of an emergency situation; or
  - iv. as otherwise permitted or required under a direction given by the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and
- d. must wear a **surgical mask** whenever directed to do so by an **emergency officer (public health)** and when leaving isolation as permitted by paragraph (c), unless it is not practicable because of the emergency situation or the need to avoid immediate injury or risk of harm.

**Member of positioning crew** means a person who:

- a. is identified as a member of positioning crew:
  - i. in the flight manifest of the flight on which the person arrived in Queensland; or
  - ii. by the person's employer or the airline the person will be flying for in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer; and
- b. has documentary evidence of the flight, including the date of the flight, on which the person will leave Australia; and
- c. can provide an undertaking that they only left Australia for the purpose of servicing an inbound or outbound flight and did not undertake any other activities while in a place outside of Australia, including participating in regulatory training.

*Notes: A person who travelled overseas to undertake regulatory training cannot be considered a member of a positioning crew. A person entering Queensland to undertake regulatory training cannot be identified as a member of positioning crew.*

**Nominated premises** means:

- a. a person's allocated room within **government-nominated accommodation** as directed by an **emergency officer (public health)**; or
- b. for **Queensland-based air crew** engaged by an **approved airline**, the air crew's home residence; or
- c. for **Australian Defence Force air crew**, the air crew's home residence or military base; or
- d. for **domestic air crew** whose primary place of residence is in Queensland who are engaged by an **approved airline**, the air crew's home residence; or

- e. another premises as directed by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

**Operational Guidelines for Air Crew** means the *Operational Guidelines for Air Crew* approved by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Government website.

**Physical distancing** includes remaining at least 1.5 metres away from other persons where possible.

**Private transport** means:

- a. a private vehicle; or
- b. from time of publication of this Direction until 9.00am on 21 May 2021, transport provided by an airline operator; or
- c. from 9.00am on 21 May 2021, a transport provider endorsed by a government authority and with a Transport Plan in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer.

**Queensland International Arrivals Registration** see paragraph 5. The Queensland International Arrivals Registration is available on the Queensland Government website at:  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/internationalarrivalstoqld><sup>1</sup>.

**Quarantine-free flight** means a flight:

- a. that only carries passengers who have completed an Australian Travel Declaration at least 72 hours prior to departure declaring details of their health status and that they have been in a **safe travel zone country** for 14 days or more and have not been in a **safe travel zone country hotspot**; and
- b. where no air crew have been in a **COVID-19 hotspot** or **safe travel zone country hotspot** in the 14 days prior to entering Queensland.

*Note: Information about quarantine free flights is available from the Australian Department of Home Affairs: <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/new-zealand-safe-travel-zone>. Determinations about quarantine-free flights are made by the relevant airline.*

**Queensland-based air crew** means a person whose primary place of residence is in Queensland and arrives in Queensland on a flight that is not a **quarantine-free flight** and who is:

- a. an air crew member actively servicing an inbound flight to Australia; or
- b. an off-shift air crew member who can provide evidence that they are a **member of positioning crew** in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer; or
- c. an aeromedical services crew member providing patient transport or emergency medical care to a patient; or
- d. an off-shift aeromedical services crew member who can provide evidence that they are a **member of positioning crew** in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer.

*Note: Ground crew are not included in the definition of Queensland-based air crew unless they are actively servicing an inbound flight to Australia.*

**Relevant authority** means Queensland Health or an agency contracted by the Queensland Government to undertake testing for COVID-19.

*Example: Mater*

**Residence** means premises used, or intended to be used, as a dwelling or mainly as a dwelling, and includes the land on which the residence is situated, and includes:

- a. a single detached dwelling; or

- b. each of one or more attached dwellings that are separated by a common wall;  
*Examples for paragraph (b) — villa unit, townhouse, terrace house, row house, unit in an apartment block.*
- c. a manufactured home as defined in section 10 of the *Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003*; or
- d. a caravan as defined in section 7 of the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*; or
- e. any other building or structure situated on the same land as the premises or dwelling.  
*Examples for paragraph (e) – pool house, granny flat.*

but does not include an aged care residential facility, corrective services facility or detention centre.

**Safe travel zone country** has the same meaning as in the *Quarantine for International Arrivals Direction (No. 8)* or its successor.

**Safe travel zone country hotspot** has the same meaning as in the *Quarantine for International Arrivals Direction (No. 8)* or its successor.

**Surgical mask** means a single use surgical mask with a minimum level 1 barrier protection level under the Australian Standard (AS 4381:2015) that covers the nose and mouth.

**Surveillance testing** means testing for COVID-19 that:

- a. occurs when an air crew member is asymptomatic; and
- b. is facilitated by an **airline operator** as soon as testing can reasonably be made available to **Queensland-based air crew** and **domestic air crew** arriving in Queensland unless a person can provide written evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result undertaken in Queensland or another State or Territory in the 7 days immediately prior to entry and is repeated on a rolling 7-day testing cycle until the crew member leaves for their next international work voyage or has been in Australia for 14 days, whichever is shorter; and
- c. is facilitated by a **relevant authority** for **international air crew** on arrival in Queensland unless a person can provide written evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result undertaken in Queensland or another State or Territory in the 7 days immediately prior to entry and is repeated on a rolling 7-day testing cycle until the crew member leaves for their next international work voyage or has been in Australia for 14 days, whichever is shorter; and
- d. occurs when requested by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

**Symptoms consistent with COVID-19** means fever or history of fever, symptoms of acute respiratory infection (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat), loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting or fatigue.

## SCHEDULE 2 – APPROVED AIRLINES

Adagold

AeroPearl Pty

Air Canada

Air India

Air New Zealand

Air Niugini

Air Vanuatu

Aircraft owned or engaged by an Australian or Queensland Government Agency

Aircraft approved by a relevant Commonwealth Government Department to enter Queensland as a Medical Repatriation Flight or as Emergency Aeromedical Evacuation (MedEvac) transportation

Airwork

Alliance Airlines

Altitude Aviation

Avcair Pty Ltd

BHMM Aviation

Boeing Company

Brenzil Pty Ltd

Capital Jet Resources

Cathay Pacific

Celestial Airways Ltd

China Air

CML Aviation

Cobham

De Lore and Associates

Dnata

Emirates

Eva Air

ExecuJet Australia

Fiji Airways

Flight Options

Global Ferrying Services

Global Jet International

Hevilift

Japan Airlines

Jet Aviation

Jetstar

LFG Aviation

Machjet

Malaysian Airlines

Malinda

Menzies Aviation

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Nauru Airlines

Nippon Cargo Airlines (NCA)

Oceania

Pacific Air Express (PAE)

Pacific Direct

Papua New Guinea Air

Philippines (Charter)

Pionair

Qantas

Qatar Airways

Redjet Aviation Pty Ltd

Regional Express Airlines (REX)

Singapore Airlines

Skytrans

Solomon Airlines

Swissport

Tag Aviation Asia

Torres Strait Air

Virgin Airlines

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## Understanding this Direction

Information to help you understand what this Direction means for international air crew arriving in Queensland during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Find out more](#)<sup>2</sup>

## Operational Guidelines for International Air Crew

The [Operational Guidelines for International Air Crew](#)<sup>3</sup> includes requirements for:

- transporting air-crew
- home quarantine
- leaving quarantine to receive a COVID-19 test
- crew-only flights.

## Member of positioning crew form

A [member of positioning crew form \(DOCX 539 kB\)](#)<sup>4</sup> is required for off-shift, repositioning air crew members entering Queensland from a place outside Australia who are seeking to quarantine at their home residence in Queensland.

## Class exemption: Vaccination of Brisbane-based air crew

See information and requirements for [Brisbane-based air crew to be vaccinated](#)<sup>5</sup> under the class exemption.

## Endorsed transport providers

See information and requirements for [endorsed transport providers](#)<sup>6</sup>.

## COVID Safe Plan for transporting quarantined persons

This [COVID Safe Plan for transporting quarantined persons](#)<sup>7</sup> contains the minimum standards of practice that must be met by transport providers when offering a service to quarantined persons. Transport providers are required to use this

template to develop a Transport Plan in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer.

## Links

1. <https://www.qld.gov.au/internationalarrivalstoqld>
2. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/air-crew>
3. <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/air-crew-direction/operational-guidelines-air-crew>
4. [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/word\\_doc/0019/1026622/member-of-positioning-crew-form.docx](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/word_doc/0019/1026622/member-of-positioning-crew-form.docx)
5. <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/air-crew-direction/class-exemption-vaccination-of-brisbane-based-air-crew>
6. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/quarantine-for-persons-arriving-from-overseas/endorsed-transport-providers>
7. [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/word\\_doc/0025/1038670/covid-safe-plan-for-transporting-quarantined-persons.docx](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/word_doc/0025/1038670/covid-safe-plan-for-transporting-quarantined-persons.docx)

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