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Queensland Health

**Class Exemption for Recovered cases of COVID-19 arriving in Queensland from a COVID-19 hot spot – *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 58)***

I, Dr John Gerrard Chief Health Officer, provide this exemption to persons who are a recovered case of COVID-19 as an exempt class of persons under the *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 58)* or its successors, on the conditions described below:

1. In this document:
  - a. **COVID-19 hot spot** 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>).
  - b. **COVID-19 PCR Test** means an oropharyngeal and deep nasal swab for a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration to detect whether a person has the COVID-19 virus.
  - c. **Emergency officer (public health)** has the same meaning as in the *Quarantine for International Arrivals Direction (No. 17)*, or its successors.
  - d. **Freight and logistics operators** has the same meaning as under the *Operational protocol for freight movements entering Queensland*.
  - e. **Medical practitioner** means a person currently registered as a medical practitioner under the Health Practitioner National Law (Queensland)
  - f. **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.
2. This class exemption applies to persons who are a recovered case of COVID-19 and who are entering Queensland from a **COVID-19 hotspot** or under the *Operational protocol for freight movements entering Queensland*.
3. This class exemption applies until 31 March 2022, unless it is amended or revoked.
4. Persons who are a recovered case of COVID-19 are exempt from the **COVID-19 PCR testing** requirement of paragraph 4(b)(ii) of the *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 58)* or its successors, if they meet the following conditions:
  - a. They provide the following documents to an **emergency officer (public health)** upon entry to Queensland:
    - i. A Queensland Border Entry Pass with a right of entry described as *I have an exemption granted to me by the Chief Health Officer permitting me to enter Queensland*; and

- ii. a copy of this class exemption; and
  - iii. a letter of discharge or medical certificate, signed by a **medical practitioner**, or a letter or electronic advice from a Health Authority of an Australian State or Territory, dated within 90 days prior to entry to Queensland, which confirms that they were a positive COVID-19 case and/or are no longer required to isolate; and
  - iv. a statutory declaration that they are no longer under an isolation or quarantine order imposed by an Australian State or Territory.
5. **Freight and logistics operators** who are a recovered case of COVID-19 are exempt from the following requirements:
  - a. declaring on the Queensland Border Declaration pass that they have received a negative COVID-19 PCR test within the 7 days prior to entering Queensland as per paragraph 38(h)(i) of the *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 58)*; and
  - b. having to obtain a Queensland Border Declaration Pass (Freight and Logistics – F pass) under paragraph 9 of the *Operational protocol for freight movements entering Queensland*; and
  - c. maintaining a rolling 7-day testing cycle with negative COVID-19 PCR test results while continuing to travel into and out of Queensland in accordance with paragraph 14 of the *Operational protocol for freight movements entering Queensland*.
6. For paragraph 5 to apply, a **freight and logistics operator** must:
  - a. provide the following documents to an **emergency officer (public health)** upon entry to Queensland:
    - i. a Queensland Border Declaration Pass with a right of entry described as *I have an exemption granted to me by the Chief Health Officer permitting me to enter Queensland*; and
    - ii. a copy of this class exemption; and
    - iii. a letter of discharge or medical certificate, signed by a **medical practitioner**, or a letter or electronic advice from a Health Authority of an Australian State or Territory, dated within 90 days prior to entry to Queensland, which confirms that they were a positive COVID-19 case and/or are no longer required to isolate; and
    - iv. a statutory declaration that they are no longer under an isolation or quarantine order imposed by an Australian State or Territory.
7. This class exemption does not apply to a person, including **freight and logistics operators**, who was a recovered case of COVID-19 greater than 90 days prior to entering Queensland.
8. A person, including **freight and logistics operators**, who is a recovered case of COVID-19 must meet all other entry requirements under *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 58)*.
9. Where a person, including **freight and logistics operators**, who is a recovered case of COVID-19 displays **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**, they must immediately notify Queensland Health and follow all directions given to them by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

10. This exemption has been approved based on the Public Health Directions in place at the time of approval. It is the responsibility of each person arriving from overseas to review the Public Health Directions at the time of their entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.

Yours sincerely



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