



Enquiries to: Office of the Chief Health Officer
Deputy Director-General
Queensland Health
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Queensland Health

Commissioner
Queensland Police Force

Dear Commissioner

Approval for movement of Queensland residents and new Queensland residents from a COVID-19 hotspot to cross the Queensland border by air– *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 42)* or its successors

I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, have provided an exemption, on the conditions set out below, for Queensland residents and new Queensland residents in the circumstances described below, as an exempt class of persons under *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 42)* or its successors.

1. This exemption applies until the end of the public health emergency unless amended or revoked.
2. In this document:

Approved airport means any airport in Australia.

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>).

Dedicated transit area means an area of an airport that has been allocated by an airport for exclusive use by passengers transiting through Queensland who have been in COVID-19 hotspots.

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.

Face mask means a surgical mask, P2/N95 mask or a cloth face mask with three layers that covers the nose and mouth (but does not include a face shield).

Minor has the same meaning as in *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 42)*.

New Queensland resident means a person who is moving to Queensland to make it their principal place of residence and who can provide written evidence that they are relocating to Queensland if required by an emergency officer (public health) and evidence of where they will be residing upon completion of their mandatory quarantine.

Private transport has the same meaning as in *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 42)*.

Queensland resident is a person whose primary place of residence is in Queensland.

Residential aged care facilities, shared disability accommodation services or a **hospital** have the same meanings as in *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 42)*, or its successor.

Conditions of entry under class exemption

3. A **Queensland resident** or **new Queensland resident** may enter Queensland under this exemption where the conditions set out below, being the requirements for recognising quarantine in another jurisdiction in Schedule 2, Part B, paragraph 5, of *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 42)* are met.
4. This exemption applies where the person:
 - (a) has completed a minimum 14 days of government mandated quarantine in another Australian State or Territory immediately prior to entering Queensland; and
 - (b) provides the following to an **emergency officer (public health)**:
 - (i) written confirmation of the person's quarantine period from a government authority of another Australian State or Territory where the government mandated quarantine was completed; and
 - (ii) written confirmation from the health authority of another Australian State or Territory where the government mandated quarantine was completed that the person had a negative COVID-19 test result after day 10 (or later) of the government mandated quarantine; and
 - (iii) an undertaking that the person wore a **face mask**; and
 - (iv) an undertaking that the person will get tested 2 or 3 days after a person's release from quarantine in another Australian State or Territory where the government mandated quarantine was completed; and
Note: 2 or 3 days after a person's release will be day 16 or 17 after the commencement of the person's quarantine period;
 - (v) an undertaking that the person travelled by the most practicable direct route without stopping from the place of government mandated quarantine to an **approved airport** to depart the **COVID-19 hotspot** and did not leave the **confines of the airport**; and
Note: see paragraph 6 for permitted means of travel from the place of government mandated quarantine to an approved airport
 - (c) a person who undertakes to present for a COVID-19 test under paragraph 4(b)(iv), until a negative COVID-19 test result is received, must:
 - (i) have no or minimal contact with the Queensland community;
Note: this includes use of private transport and not public transport when traveling to a COVID-19 test and ensuring social distancing is maintained where practicable, such as sitting in the rear passenger seat etc.
 - (ii) not attend any type of work;
 - (iii) not enter **residential aged care facilities, shared disability accommodation services** or a **hospital**;

*Note: see paragraph 5 for instances where entry to a **hospital** is permitted.*

- (iv) collect and maintain written records of persons a person mentioned in paragraph 4 may come into close contact with; and
 - (v) provide the records mentioned in sub-paragraph (c)(iv) to an **emergency officer (public health)** or a contact tracing officer if requested.
5. Despite paragraph 4(c)(iii), where the conditions in paragraph 4 and 6 are otherwise met, a person may enter a **hospital**:
- (a) to obtain essential medical care; or
 - (b) as a parent, guardian or responsible adult to accompany a **minor** obtaining essential medical care; or
 - (c) as a support person to a person obtaining essential medical care; or
- Example: A person may require support from a disability support worker or person who has provided long-term informal support, such as a family member or friend.*
- (d) to present for a COVID-19 test; or
 - (e) as otherwise required or permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**.
6. Any travel under paragraph 4(b)(v) and (c) or paragraph 5 must be by:
- (a) ambulance; or
 - (b) an emergency services vehicle in emergency or serious situations as permitted or allowed under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; or
 - (c) transport arranged by the government authority; or
 - (d) **private transport**.
- Note: private transport does not include a bus or shuttle service including an airport shuttle, airport transfer service or regional or inter-city bus service.*
7. A person who is unable to meet all of the requirements in paragraph 4 (a), (b) or (c) above must not enter Queensland.
8. A person who satisfies paragraph 4(a), (b)(i), (iii) (iv) and (v) but is unable to meet the requirement in paragraph 4(b)(ii), must not enter Queensland until all requirements are met.

Transit to Cairns Airport

9. A **Queensland resident** or **new Queensland resident** who arrives in Queensland by air and:
- (a) has been provided an allocated entry date and Cairns Airport as their designated entry airport to enter Queensland, confirmed in writing from a government authority; and
 - (b) is entering on the allocated entry date; and
 - (c) fulfills the evidentiary requirements specified in part 3A of the *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 42)*, or its successors, and has obtained a *Queensland Border Declaration Pass*;
- is permitted to enter Queensland at another airport in Queensland and transfer directly to another flight to travel to Cairns Airport which departs on the same day provided the person does not leave the **confines of the airport** and remains in the airport's **dedicated transit area** at all times when requested by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

Queensland Border Declaration Pass and documents

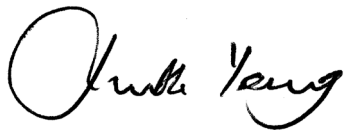
Before travelling to Queensland, **Queensland residents** and **new Queensland residents** must complete a Queensland Border Declaration Pass. You must describe your right of entry as 'I have an exemption granted by the Chief Health Officer'.

You must carry the following documents, and present them if requested by an Emergency Officer (Public Health):

- evidence of your identity confirming place of residence, for example a driver licence;
- evidence that you have satisfied the conditions of the class exemption, with the documents required in paragraph 4;
- a copy of this class exemption.

This exemption has been approved based on the Public Health Directions and COVID-19 hotspot declarations in place at the time of approval. It is each person's responsibility to review the Public Health Directions and hotspot declarations at the time of their entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeannette Young', written in a cursive style.

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