

Frequently Asked Questions – Biosecurity Act Determination 2020, travel restrictions.

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If people call the office regarding COVID-19 (sometimes called coronavirus)



What do I need to do to enter a designated area?



Tourists are not permitted within the designated areas. Unless you are a returning resident to the area or delivering an essential activity you will not be permitted to enter the designated area. If your circumstances are exceptional, you will need to complete *COVID-19 Entry in WA Designated Areas Form*.



If I complete my self-isolation in Perth before returning home in a designated area, do I need to provide evidence of the self-isolation?



Yes, you will need to complete and sign the *COVID-19 Entry in WA Designated Areas Form* that confirms the details of your self-isolation. You may be asked to provide additional evidence.



Who pays for the cost of my self-isolation?



You are responsible for the costs associated with the self-isolation. If you are experiencing financial hardship, you may be eligible for assistance. For more information contact 1800 032 965.



I normally live in one of the designated areas and was temporarily away when the restrictions commenced, can I return?



If you are not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms and are not returning from overseas, then you will be able to return but must proceed immediately to self-isolation for 14 days.



How do I prove I haven't been outside Australia for the last 14 days?



You will need to complete and sign the *COVID-19 Entry in WA Designated Areas Form* confirming that you have not been outside Australia in the previous 14 days.



How do I prove I am healthy and not carrying coronavirus?



You will need to complete and sign the *COVID-19 Entry in WA Designated Areas Form* answering specific health questions.



I have a medical appointment outside of my designated area – do I have to self-isolate before returning to my home in the designated area?



Yes, you will need to self-isolate for 14 days prior to entering the designated area, unless you have obtained an exemption. In order to obtain an exemption, you will need to complete the *COVID-19 Entry in WA Designated Areas Form*.



I have had an operation outside my designated area and am due to return home using the Patient Assistance Scheme (PATS):

- Do I need to self-isolate?
- Where do I do that?
- Who pays?



You should first seek advice from your medical professional about your planned travel. If you do travel you will need to self-isolate for 14 days. You are responsible for the costs associated with the self-isolation. If you are experiencing financial hardship, you may be eligible for assistance. For more information contact 1800 032 965.



I am a worker and am due to return for my next shift. Are there any restrictions on me doing this?



If you are travelling to provide an essential activity, you can enter the designated area as long as you do not have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19; you have not been outside Australia in the previous 14 days; and you have not been exposed without adequate protection to coronavirus. This will need to be confirmed by completing the *COVID-19 Entry in WA Designated Areas Form*.



I am a worker who is exempt from the travel restrictions because I deliver an essential activity. Is my family also exempt?



No, family members of essential workers are not exempt from the travel restrictions. They would be required to complete 14 days self-isolation before entering the designated areas, unless they are ordinarily a resident of the area and then they may be eligible to complete self-isolation at home.



I work for a mining company and am travelling into a designated area from inter-state, do I need to self-isolate for 14 days before or after arrival?



No, mining, oil and gas workers are exempt from the self-isolation requirements. You will need to comply with your employer's COVID-19 plan.



Are there still flights going into Broome and Kununurra?



Yes, airlines are currently servicing these airports. You should ensure that you will be able to return before making any travel arrangements.



How could I validate my isolation / quarantine?



By completing the *COVID-19 Entry in WA Designated Areas Form*.



Is my business exempt from the Biosecurity Act?



Some organisations and essential service providers are exempt. Refer to the Commonwealth Determination: www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L00324



How long will these restrictions be in place?



The Commonwealth travel restrictions into designated regions started on 26 March and will end on 18 June 2020.

For further information regarding Coronavirus: COVID-19 please refer to WA.gov.au

Further details regarding Biosecurity Determination 2020 can be located at www.wa.gov.au/aboriginalcommunities

Please contact **1800 020 080** if you have any further questions.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.