
On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the _Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA) (Act) (State of Emergency)_). The State of Emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

On 5 April 2020, I made the Quarantine (Closing the Border) Directions (Directions).

Under paragraph 27(r) of the Directions, an exempt traveller within the meaning of the Directions includes any person or category of person who I approve in writing, provided that the person or a person in that category complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give written approval to Indian Ocean Territories travellers to enter Western Australia.

**PREAMBLE**

1. The purpose of this approval is to approve Indian Ocean Territories travellers as exempt travellers under the Directions.

   _Note 1: a person who is an exempt traveller under this approval and paragraph 27(r) of the Directions remains subject to the Directions so far as they apply to exempt travellers, including paragraph 5 (which identifies circumstances in which an exempt traveller cannot enter Western Australia)._  

   _Note 2: this is not an approval under anything except paragraph 27(r) of the Directions. For the avoidance of doubt, it is also necessary to comply with any other relevant directions under State and Commonwealth law._
CITATION

2. This approval may be referred to as the Exempt Traveller (Indian Ocean Territories Traveller) Approval.

COMMENCEMENT

3. This approval comes into effect at the time of signing.

APPROVAL

4. For the purposes of paragraph 27(r) of the Directions, an Indian Ocean Territories traveller is approved to enter Western Australia.

Note: an Indian Ocean Territories traveller is not approved for the purposes of paragraph 27(r) of the Directions to enter Western Australia in any way other than by air: see the definition of "enter" for the purposes of this approval in paragraph 6.

DEFINITIONS

5. Affected aircraft has the same meaning that it has in the Directions.

6. Enter means disembark from an affected aircraft onto land anywhere in Western Australia.

7. Indian Ocean Territories means:

   (a) the Cocos or Keeling Islands situated in the Indian Ocean in or about latitude 12°5' south and longitude 96°53' east, including the Northern Island otherwise called North Keeling Island; or

   (b) the island known as Christmas Island situated in the Indian Ocean in or about latitude 10°30' south and longitude 105°40' east.

8. Indian Ocean Territories traveller means any person who, in the 14 days prior to their entry into Western Australia, has not been outside of the Indian Ocean Territories or Western Australia except while the person was travelling by air directly:

   (a) between the Indian Ocean Territories; or

   (b) from one of the Indian Ocean Territories to enter Western Australia.
PENALTIES

A failure to comply with a provision of this approval may result in a breach of the Directions and may be an offence which is punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to $50,000 for individuals and $250,000 for bodies corporate.

Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

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