

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67 and 72A

QUARANTINE CENTRE WORKERS (SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT) DIRECTIONS

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am 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**). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions, pursuant to my powers under sections 67 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. These directions set out some specific conditions applying to quarantine centre workers and their employment for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Quarantine Centre Workers (Secondary Employment) Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect upon signing.

DIRECTIONS

4. A person who is a **quarantine centre worker** must ensure that during the **relevant period**, the person:
 - (a) undertakes **work** as a quarantine centre worker only; and
 - (b) does not work at more than one **quarantine centre**.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these directions is intended to affect the operation of any Commonwealth law and to the extent of any inconsistency between these directions and a law of the Commonwealth, these directions are to be read down.

DEFINITIONS

6. **Centre quarantine requirements** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
7. **Police officer** means a person appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892 (WA)* to be a member of the Police Force of Western Australia.
8. **Quarantine centre** means a quarantine centre operated or managed by the State Health Incident Command Centre (including at a hotel) or which has been arranged by the State Health Incident Command Centre for the quarantining of people for public health purposes in connection with COVID-19, and where the quarantine centre is a hotel, means:
- (a) in respect of a hotel that is used solely for the accommodation of persons subject to centre quarantine requirements, the hotel in its entirety;
 - (b) in respect of a hotel that provides services to the general public as well as to persons subject to **centre quarantine requirements**, the parts of the hotel that have been designated for the purpose of accommodating, or facilitating the accommodation, of persons subject to centre quarantine requirements,

but does not include a **seasonal worker quarantine facility**.

Note: In respect of a hotel that falls within subparagraph (b), the effect of paragraphs 4(b) and 8 is that the person may not work in any part of the hotel that has not been designated for the purposes of accommodating or facilitating the accommodation of persons subject to centre quarantine requirements.

9. **Quarantine centre worker** means a person who falls within subparagraph (a)(i) of the definition of "quarantine centre worker" as that term is defined in the Presentation for Testing (Quarantine Centre Worker) Directions (No 7), as amended or replaced from time to time.

*Note: for the avoidance of doubt a person who is employed or otherwise engaged to provide services that involve the provision of medical, health or ancillary services, including **welfare related services**, or who is a **police officer** or a member of the*

Australian Defence Force is not a quarantine centre worker for the purposes of this definition.

10. **Relevant period** means the period from the date of commencement of these directions until the beginning of the day after the day on which the person ceases to be a quarantine centre worker.
11. **Seasonal worker quarantine facility** has the same meaning as it has in the Seasonal Workers Directions.
12. **Welfare related services** means professional services of a health related nature provided for the benefit of the welfare of persons undertaking a period of quarantine in a quarantine centre, including social work and mental health services.
13. **Work** means paid or unpaid employment or provision of services, including work carried out on a voluntary basis, irrespective of whether the person receives an honorarium, gratuity or a similar payment for carrying out the work, whether as an employee, independent contractor or otherwise, but does not include:
 - (a) work that is a formal and necessary element of a tertiary qualification or vocational training course; or
 - (b) work that is carried out on a voluntary basis that has been approved in writing by the Chief Health Officer, or a person authorised by the Chief Health Officer.



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Christopher John Dawson

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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