

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

CONTROLLED BORDER FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS (NO 48)

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, 70 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. These directions amend the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions (**Primary Directions**) and are 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 **Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions (No 48)**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 4.00 pm on 16 November 2021.

DIRECTIONS

4. The Primary Directions are amended by:
 - (a) deleting the words "Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 6)" in:
 - (i) the note immediately following paragraph 6A;
 - (ii) paragraph 40(f)and replacing them with the words "Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 7)";

- (b) deleting paragraph 6B, and replacing it with the following paragraph:
- 6B. A person who is a low risk traveller must not enter Western Australia after 12:01am on 15 November 2021 unless the person:
- (a) has had administered to them a **full course** of an **approved COVID-19 vaccine** and produces **accepted proof of vaccination** to a relevant officer on request; or
 - (b) is **vaccine ineligible** and produces evidence of this to the satisfaction of a relevant officer on request; or
 - (c) is **vaccine exempt** and produces **accepted proof of vaccination exemption** to a relevant officer on request; or
 - (d) is approved to enter Western Australia by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose, notwithstanding that the person does not meet one of the requirements in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).
- (c) inserting the following heading and paragraph immediately after paragraph 12A:

AUTHORISATION

12AA. Any police officer appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892* (WA) acting at or above the rank of Senior Sergeant is authorised to give approval to a person or category of persons under paragraph 6B(d) of these directions, including any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

- (d) inserting the following paragraphs immediately after paragraph 12B:

12C. **Accepted proof of vaccination** means:

- (a) a COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate or an Immunisation History Statement issued to the low risk traveller showing the COVID-19 vaccination recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register for the low risk traveller; or
- (b) an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by the Commonwealth Government to the low risk traveller

showing the COVID-19 vaccination recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register for the low risk traveller; or

- (c) written confirmation of vaccination issued by the Chief Health Officer or a person authorised by the Chief Health Officer to the low risk traveller of the COVID-19 vaccination received by the low risk traveller:

12D. **Accepted proof of vaccination exemption** means:

- (a) an Immunisation History Statement issued to the low risk traveller showing a medical exemption recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register for the low risk traveller; or
- (b) a temporary exemption issued to the low risk traveller by the Chief Health Officer.

- (e) deleting paragraph 31A, and replacing it with the following paragraph:

31A. **Low risk jurisdiction** means:

- (a) the Northern Territory.

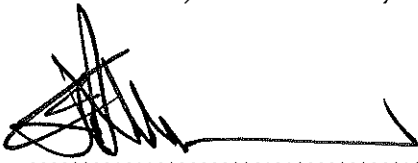
- (f) deleting the note immediately after paragraph 31A; and

- (g) deleting paragraph 37A, and replacing it with the following paragraph:

37A. **Relevant time** means:

- (a) in respect of the Australian Capital Territory, 12.01 am on 27 June 2021; and
- (b) in respect of New South Wales, 12.01 am on 11 June 2021; and
- (c) in respect of Victoria, 12.01 am on 8 July 2021; and
- (d) in respect of the Northern Territory, 12.01 am on 10 November 2021.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, I confirm that the Primary Directions continue in effect as in force immediately before the time specified in paragraph 3 of these directions but, from that time, as amended by paragraph 4 of these directions.



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Christopher John Dawson
Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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