

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

APPROVAL FOR TRAVELLERS UNDER A SPECIFIED ARRANGEMENT PURSUANT TO THE OUTBREAK OUTSIDE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA RESPONSE DIRECTIONS (NO 15)

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**) (**State of Emergency**). The State of Emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

On 17 December 2021, I made the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions (No 15) (**Directions**).

Under paragraph 6(c) of the Directions, a person who is subject to a **specified arrangement** and who is an **indirect international arrival** or who has been in an **outbreak jurisdiction** after the **relevant time** applicable to that outbreak jurisdiction and in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia, may enter Western Australia if they are approved by the State Emergency Coordinator, subject to the person complying with any terms or conditions imposed by the State Emergency Coordinator.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following approval under paragraph 6(c) of the Directions.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of this approval is to facilitate the entry of certain persons into Western Australia subject to terms and conditions which are intended to prevent the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia following an outbreak or outbreaks of COVID-19 outside of Western Australia and to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. This approval may be referred to as the **Approval for Travellers under a Specified Arrangement pursuant to the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions (No 15)**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. This approval comes into effect upon the commencement of the Directions.

REVOCATION AND CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

4. The Approval for Travellers under a Specified Arrangement pursuant to the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions (No 14) is revoked (**revoked approval**).
5. Despite paragraph 4:
 - (a) the revocation of the revoked approval does not affect the validity of the entry of any person who entered pursuant to that approval; and
 - (b) if a person was subject to any obligation under the revoked approval immediately before this approval came into effect, the person must continue to comply with the revoked approval to the same extent that the person would have had to comply with the revoked approval if it had not been revoked.

APPROVAL

6. A person who is **maritime crew member** who has been in a **medium risk jurisdiction**:
 - (a) after the relevant time for that medium risk jurisdiction; and
 - (b) in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia,but has not been in a **high risk jurisdiction** or an **extreme risk jurisdiction** within the period referred to in paragraph 6(b) and who is not an indirect international arrival, is approved for the purposes of paragraph 6(c) of the Directions, in respect of entry into Western Australia from a vessel only, and provided that the person complies with the Maritime Crew Member Directions (to the extent that they apply to the person).

Note: a maritime crew member who has relevantly been in a high risk jurisdiction an extreme risk jurisdiction or who is an indirect international arrival is not approved to enter Western Australia under this approval.
7. A person who is a **rig or platform crew member** who has been in a medium risk jurisdiction:
 - (a) after the relevant time for that medium risk jurisdiction; and
 - (b) in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia,

but has not been in a high risk jurisdiction or an extreme risk jurisdiction within the period referred to in paragraph 7(b) and who is not an indirect international arrival, is approved for the purposes of paragraph 6(c) of the Directions, in respect of entry into Western Australia from a rig or platform only, and provided that the person complies with the Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions (to the extent that they apply to the person).

Note 1: paragraphs 6 and 7 only facilitate entry by a person into Western Australia after they have worked on a vessel or a rig or platform. These paragraphs are of no application in relation to a person who wishes to enter Western Australia for the purposes of working on a vessel or a rig or platform.

Note 2: a rig or platform crew member who has relevantly been in a high risk jurisdiction or an extreme risk jurisdiction is not approved to enter Western Australia under this approval.

8. A person who is a **transiting aircraft passenger** who has been in a medium risk jurisdiction or a high risk jurisdiction:

- (a) after the relevant time for that medium risk jurisdiction or high risk jurisdiction; and
- (b) in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia,

but has not been in an extreme risk jurisdiction within the period referred to in paragraph 8(b) and who is not an indirect international arrival, is approved for the purposes of paragraph 6(c) of the Directions, provided that the person complies with the Transiting Aircraft Passengers Directions (No 3) (to the extent that they apply to the person).

Note: a transiting aircraft passenger who has relevantly been in an extreme risk jurisdiction is not approved to enter Western Australia under this approval.

9. A person who is a **Yongah Hill Immigration Detainee** who has been in a medium risk jurisdiction:

- (a) after the relevant time for that medium risk jurisdiction; and
- (b) in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia,

but has not been in a high risk jurisdiction or an extreme risk jurisdiction within the period referred to in paragraph 9(b) and who is not an indirect international arrival, is

approved for the purposes of paragraph 6(c) of the Directions, provided that the person complies with the Yongah Hill Immigration Detainees Directions (No 3) (to the extent that they apply to the person).

INTERPRETATION

10. Unless specified otherwise, any reference in this approval to any other direction made by the State Emergency Coordinator is deemed to be a reference to that direction as amended or replaced from time to time.

DEFINITIONS

11. **Extreme risk jurisdiction** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
12. **High risk jurisdiction** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
13. **Indirect international arrival** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
14. **Maritime crew member** has the same meaning that it has in the Maritime Crew Member Directions.
15. **Medium risk jurisdiction** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
16. **Outbreak jurisdiction** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
17. **Relevant time** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
18. **Rig or platform crew member** has the same meaning that it has in the Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions.
19. **Specified arrangement** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
20. **Transiting aircraft passenger** has the same meaning that it has in the Transiting Aircraft Passengers Directions (No 3).
21. **Yongah Hill Immigration Detainee** has the same meaning that it has in the Yongah Hill Immigration Detainees Directions (No 3).

PENALTIES

It may be an offence to fail to comply with a term or condition of this approval, punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.



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Christopher John Dawson

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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