

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

**COVID TRANSITION (BORDER REQUIREMENTS)
AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS (NO 1)**

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 COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions (**Primary Directions**) and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia, to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia and to facilitate the management of people coming into Western Australia during the State of Emergency.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Amendment Directions (No 1)**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect upon signing.

DIRECTIONS

4. The Primary Directions are amended by:
 - (a) inserting the following paragraph immediately before paragraph 31:
 - 30A. **Acceptable evidence** means:
 - (a) in relation to a rapid antigen test, photographic evidence of that test; and

(b) in relation to a **PCR test**, evidence to the satisfaction of an authorised officer.

(b) deleting paragraph 33 and inserting in its place the following paragraph:

33. **Additional requirements** means each of the following:

(a) the person has been tested for COVID-19 using an **approved testing methodology** in the 24 hours before departing from the person's **departure jurisdiction** and produces **acceptable evidence** showing a negative result for that test upon request by an authorised officer; and

(b) the person has access to suitable premises which are located:

(i) in the case of an interstate arrival or indirect international arrival who has entered Western Australia other than by crossing the border by road, within 200 kilometres of their point of entry into Western Australia; or

(ii) in the case of an interstate arrival or indirect international arrival who has entered Western Australia by crossing the border by road, within a distance of 1500 kilometres of their point of entry into Western Australia; and

(iii) if the person is not an exempt child, the person has downloaded the G2G Now app to a **suitable device** which will be accessible to that person at all times while they remain subject to a quarantine requirement.

(c) deleting subparagraph 40(t) and inserting in its place the following subparagraph:

(t) a person who is enrolled as:

(i) a student of a primary school or secondary school in Western Australia; or

(ii) a **domestic student** at a university or college of technical or further education in Western Australia or

(iii) an **overseas student** at a university or college of technical or further education in Western Australia who arrived in Australia prior to 12.01 am on 5 February 2022,

and who enters Western Australia in order to attend that school, university or college; or

(d) inserting the following paragraph immediately following paragraph 39:

39A. **Approved testing methodology** means:

(a) a rapid antigen test; or

(b) a PCR test.

(e) inserting the following paragraph immediately following paragraph 53:

53A. **Domestic student** has the same meaning that it has in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (Cth).

(f) inserting the following paragraph immediately following paragraph 81:

81A. **Overseas student** has the same meaning that it has in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (Cth).

(g) inserting the following paragraph immediately following paragraph 82:

82A. **PCR test** means polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing for COVID-19 via deep nasal and throat swab conducted by a laboratory that has National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accreditation for that test.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, the Primary Directions come into effect at 12.01 am on 5 February 2022, and 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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