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This protocol has been developed for the purposes of *Border restrictions Direction (No. 6)*

Maritime crew entering Queensland to join a vessel

Australian Citizen Or Permanent Resident

1. If a **maritime crew** member who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident is entering Queensland to join a vessel, they will **not** be required to quarantine unless, in the 14 days prior to entering Queensland, they:
 - a. have been overseas; or
 - b. have been in a **COVID-19 hotspot**; or
 - c. have had contact with a person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
 - d. are a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**.
2. If a **maritime crew** member satisfies any of 1a-d, they must quarantine in a **nominated premises** for 14 days.

Foreign National

3. If a foreign national **maritime crew** member enters Queensland from overseas to join a vessel, they will be required to quarantine for 14 days in **nominated premises** at their point of entry prior to joining the vessel, unless the following applies:
 - a. they are arriving into Brisbane Airport and transfer directly to a vessel at the Port of Brisbane. If there is a time delay between arrival and joining the vessel they will be required to quarantine in **nominated premises**.

- b. they are arriving in Queensland from New Zealand and transfer directly from the airport to their vessel. If there is a time delay between arrival and joining the vessel they will be required to quarantine in **nominated premises**.
- c. they use pre-arranged, dedicated, non-commercial, socially distanced transport to transfer directly to their vessel in regional Queensland. During transit interactions with the Queensland community should be limited to the greatest extent possible. If there is a time delay between arrival and joining the vessel they will be required to quarantine in **nominated premises**.

Note: Shipping agents (through the relevant Regional Harbour Master) will ensure that consultation has been undertaken with the Queensland Police Service to enable police officers to undertake direct supervision of quarantine conditions. Agents will be responsible for all the costs associated quarantine and engaging the QPS.

- 4. If a foreign national **maritime crew** member is entering Queensland to join a vessel and they have completed 14 days of mandatory quarantine in their jurisdiction of arrival without illness or a positive COVID-19 test, and can provide correct documentation as evidence, they will not be required to complete a further 14 days of quarantine in **nominated premises** in Queensland if;
 - a. they have transited directly from the place they completed mandatory quarantine to the vessel, observing all social distancing requirements; and
 - b. they have not had contact with a person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
 - c. they are a not confirmed case of COVID-19 or do not have **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**.

Maritime crew entering Queensland to sign off a vessel

Australian Citizen Or Permanent Resident

- 5. If a **maritime crew** member who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident is entering Queensland to sign off a vessel, they must quarantine in **nominated premises**, if, in the 14 days prior to arriving at a Queensland port:
 - a. the vessel they are disembarking has visited an international port; or
 - b. they have been overseas as part of any other travel; or
 - c. they have been in a **COVID-19 hotspot**; or
 - d. they have had contact with a person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
 - e. they are a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**; or
 - f. a person joined the vessel who satisfies any or all of 5b-e.
- 6. If the **maritime crew** member satisfies any of 5a-f, they may disembark the vessel to:
 - a. travel directly to a **nominated premises** where they will quarantine for 14 days; or
 - b. travel directly to a **nominated premises** where they will quarantine for the balance of 14 days where the maritime crew member has spent time aboard a vessel at sea, immediately prior to arrival, without satisfying 5a-f; or

For example, if a maritime crew member spends 8 consecutive days on board a vessel travelling from China to Queensland and none of 5a-f apply, then on arrival in Queensland they will only be required to quarantine for a further 6 days.

7. they use pre-arranged, dedicated, non-commercial, socially distanced transport to travel directly to an airport or another vessel, without stopping, to leave Queensland. During transit interactions with the Queensland community should be limited to the greatest extent possible. If there is a time delay between arrival and joining the vessel they will be required to quarantine in **nominated premises**. The maritime crew member will not be required to quarantine if;
 - a. the vessel they are disembarking was on a round-trip voyage departing from Australia that did not dock at any international ports or offshore installations, or declared **COVID-19 hotspots**; and
 - b. there is no illness on board.

Foreign National

8. If a foreign national **maritime crew** member is entering Queensland to sign off a vessel, they must quarantine in **nominated premises**, if, in the 14 days prior to arriving at a Queensland port:
 - a. the vessel they are disembarking has visited an international port; or
 - b. they have been overseas as part of any other travel; or
 - c. they have been in a **COVID-19 hotspot**; or
 - d. they have had contact with a person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
 - e. they are a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**; or
 - f. a person joined the vessel who satisfies any or all of 8b-e.
9. If the **maritime crew** member satisfies any of 8a-f, they may disembark the vessel to:
 - a. travel directly to a **nominated premises** where they will quarantine for 14 days; or
 - b. travel directly to a **nominated premises** where they will quarantine for the balance of 14 days where the maritime crew member has spent time aboard a vessel at sea, immediately prior to arrival, without satisfying 8a-f; or

For example, if a maritime crew member spends 8 consecutive days on board a vessel travelling from China to Queensland and none of 8a-f apply, then on arrival in Queensland they will only be required to quarantine for a further 6 days.

 - c. they use pre-arranged, dedicated, non-commercial, socially distanced transport to travel directly to an airport or another vessel, without stopping, to leave Queensland. During transit interactions with the Queensland community should be limited to the greatest extent possible. If there is a time delay between arrival and joining the vessel they will be required to quarantine in **nominated premises**.
10. The maritime crew member will not be required to quarantine if;
 - a. they do not satisfy any of 8a-f; and

- b. they have a valid visa to remain in Australia.

Queensland residents who travel interstate to work as maritime crew

11. A **Queensland resident** who travels interstate to work as a **maritime crew** member will be required to quarantine upon arrival in Queensland if;
 - a. the vessel they are disembarking has visited an international port; or
 - b. they have been overseas as part of any other travel; or
 - c. they have been in a **COVID-19 hotspot**; or
 - d. they have had contact with a person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
 - e. they are a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**; or
 - f. a person joined the vessel who satisfies any or all of 11b-e.

*Note: a **Queensland resident** returning from working interstate is **not** a **specialist worker**.*

12. A **Queensland resident** who travels interstate to work as a **maritime crew** member will **not** be required to quarantine upon arrival in Queensland if;
 - a. the crew went directly from the vessel and transited through the COVID-19 hotspot using pre-arranged, dedicated, non-commercial, socially distanced transport to travel directly to an airport in Victoria, without stopping or exiting the vehicle except to obtain essential fuel; and
 - b. on arrival at an airport in Victoria did not leave the confines of the airport except to board a flight to Queensland.

Note: should a Queensland resident offshore maritime crew member leave the confine of the airport for any period of time they will be required to quarantine on arrival in Queensland as they will be considered to have been in a COVID-19 hotspot.

Reasons to leave quarantine onboard a vessel

13. A maritime crew member may leave quarantine onboard a vessel:
 - a. for the purposes of obtaining essential medical care or medical supplies, where alternative delivery arrangements are not reasonably practicable
 - b. to avoid injury or illness, or escape a risk of harm
 - c. in the event of an emergency situation
 - d. to conduct essential vessel functions.
14. If the maritime crew member leaves quarantine for any of these purposes they must:
 - a. wear personal protective equipment, except in the event of an emergency situation
 - b. restrict interactions with non-crew members.

Transit

15. After disembarking a vessel, a **maritime crew** member should wear personal protective equipment and observe social distancing practices while in transit.

Checklist

16. A Crew Changeover Checklist is required to be completed for each vessel with:
 - a. foreign national **maritime crew** who have entered Queensland to join the vessel; or
 - b. **maritime crew** entering Queensland to sign off the vessel.
17. The completed check list must be endorsed by the Regional Harbour Master prior to a crew changeover being endorsed.

Queensland Border Declaration Pass

18. An endorsed checklist functions as a Queensland Border Declaration Pass for **maritime crew** who are entering Queensland to sign-off a vessel and traveling directly to an airport or another vessel, without stopping, to depart Queensland.
19. **Maritime crew** entering Queensland who are not disembarking the vessel are **not** required to complete a Queensland Border Declaration Pass.
20. **Maritime crew** leaving quarantine for any of the reasons listed at 13a-d are **not** required to complete a Queensland Border Declaration Pass.
21. The Queensland Border Declaration Pass is available at <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass/queensland-border-declaration-pass>¹

Definitions

22. **COVID-19 hotspot** means a particular area of Australia decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website (<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/hotspots-covid-19>²).
23. **Emergency officer (public health)** means an emergency officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 2005*.

Note: emergency officers appointed under the Public Health Act 2005 includes a number of public service officers such as public health officers, police, fire and emergency services.

24. **Maritime crew** includes anyone required to be part of a crew operating or providing services to support the operation of a commercial vessel (excluding cruise vessels), research vessel or a government vessel in Australian waters.
25. **Nominated Premises**
 - a. a place as directed by an emergency officer (public health); or

- b. if no direction is given by an emergency officer, a place where quarantine can be observed, this may include a vessel.

Note: A person may be directed by an emergency officer (public health) to quarantine at government-nominated accommodation at their own expense in accordance with section 362MC of the Public Health Act 2005.

26. **Queensland resident** means any person who:

- a. has been ordinarily resident in Queensland since the public health emergency was declared or is moving to Queensland to make Queensland their principal place of residence; or
- b. is ordinarily a resident at or near a border with Queensland.

27. **Specialist worker** means a person specified in Schedule 1 of the *Border restrictions Direction (No. 6)*

28. **Symptoms consistent with COVID-19** means fever or history of fever, symptoms of acute respiratory infection (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) or loss of smell or loss of taste.

Notes

Cruise ships are subject to the Restricting cruise ships from entering Queensland waters Direction (No. 2) or its successor and to the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 (Cth).

Maritime vessels are subject to any General Manager Maritime Safety Queensland Directions issued under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 which may impose time-based arrival restrictions.

After arriving in Queensland from interstate or overseas and completing any necessary quarantine requirements, a marine pilot is not subject to the Protocol while conducting vessel movements in and out of Queensland waters.

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Links

1. <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass/queensland-border-declaration-pass>
2. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/hotspots-covid-19>

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