

Travelling to Tasmania as an International Student

From **15 December 2021**, fully vaccinated international students can travel to Australia without needing to apply for an Australian travel exemption, on condition that they:

- Be fully vaccinated with a completed dosage of a vaccine approved or recognised by Australia’s Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
- Hold a valid visa for one of the [eligible visa subclasses](#) (subclass 500 Student Visa is eligible)
- Satisfy COVID-19 pre-departure testing requirements for international air travel to Australia, by:
 - Presenting a negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test taken within 72 hours of departure, or
 - Presenting evidence of a negative Rapid Antigen Test taken under medical supervision within 24 hours before your flight’s scheduled departure.
- Complete an ‘Digital Passenger Declaration’ and submit within 72 hours prior to departure.
- Travel into Tasmania through another Australian city which allows international arrivals without quarantine (Such as Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane).

Please read the following important information on the specific requirements to travel into Australia. Information may change so please return to our website for current information.

Changes to COVID-19 pre-departure testing requirements came into effect on Sunday 23 January 2022.

Travellers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure they meet the requirements of the airline they are travelling with and any countries they transit through.

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I. Vaccination Requirements

To enter Australia, you must be fully vaccinated with a Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved and recognised vaccine.

Current approved and recognised vaccines and dosages are:

- 2 doses at least 14 days apart of any combination of:
 - AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria)
 - AstraZeneca (Covishield)
 - Pfizer/Biontech (Comirnaty)
 - Moderna Spikevax or Takeda
 - Sinovac (Coronovac)
 - Bharat Biotech Covaxin
 - Sinopharm (BBIBP-CorV)
 - Gamaleya Research Institute Sputnik V
- or one dose of:
 - Johnson & Johnson/Janssen-Cilag (COVID Vaccine).

At least 7 days must have passed since the final dose of vaccine in a course of immunisation for you to be considered fully vaccinated. Mixed doses count towards being fully vaccinated as long as all vaccines are approved or recognised by the TGA.

Please [click this link](#) to visit the TGA website and see a full list of vaccines which are approved for use in Australia or are recognised for the purpose of travel to Australia.

What if I have a mix of vaccines?

Students who have received two doses of different TGA approved vaccines will be considered as fully vaccinated.

How do I prove I have been vaccinated against COVID-19 when travelling to Tasmania?

You must present your COVID-19 vaccination certificate from a health authority to the airline staff when checking in for your travel to Australia.

Travellers vaccinated in other countries will be able to present certificates in formats that meet the following criteria:

- issued by a national or state/provincial-level authority or an accredited vaccination provider
- written in English or accompanied by a certified translation (Follow this link to a [free translating service on the Australian Department of Home Affairs website](#))
- containing at a minimum:
 - name as it appears in the traveller's passport
 - either date of birth or passport number or national identity number*
 - the vaccine brand name, and
 - the date of each dose or the date on which a full course of immunisation was completed.

**If a certificate contains only a national identity number, and if that number does not appear in the traveller's passport, then the traveller needs to show a national identity card that matches the identity number and name on the vaccination certificate.*

Paper and digital certificates are equally acceptable.

For more information refer to [Guidance on foreign vaccination certificates | Australian Passport Office](#)

2. Visa Requirements

To enter Australia and travel onwards to Tasmania, you must hold an eligible and valid visa. Eligible visas include:

- Subclass 500 Student Visa
- Subclass 590 Student Guardian Visa

Please visit the Australian [Department of Home Affairs website](#) for a full list of eligible visas.

Please note that depending on your home country and the number of applications, visa processing times will vary.

We strongly recommend you apply for a visa as soon as possible to prevent delays to your study plans.

3. Pre-Departure COVID Testing Requirements

A negative COVID-19 test result is required for travelling to Australia. When you check-in to your flight you need to provide:

- **Evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test** taken within 72 hours before your international flight's scheduled departure must be provided to your airline when you check-in; or
- A medical certificate as **evidence of a negative Rapid Antigen Test taken under medical supervision** within 24 hours before your flight's scheduled departure to Australia.

If your flight is delayed or you remain in the airport during transit, you will still be considered to have met the pre-departure testing requirements. You will not need a new test.

However, if your flight is re-scheduled or cancelled, you will need to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours before the re-scheduled flight, or a Rapid Antigen Test taken under medical supervision within 24 hours before the re-scheduled flight.

Detail on evidence you need to provide is outlined on the [Department of Health website](#)

- COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test
- Rapid Antigen Test taken under medical supervision
- what to do if your PCR test result is positive when you have had and recovered from COVID-19.
- medical exemptions for pre-departure testing
- countries and jurisdictions exempt from pre-departure testing.
- If transiting, you are responsible for checking airline, departure, testing and proof of vaccination requirements in any countries you transit.

4. Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) Requirements

The Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) has replaced the Australia Travel Declaration.

Travellers to Australia should start the [Digital Passenger Declaration \(DPD\)](#) seven days before your flight and submit it within 72 hours prior to your departure for Australia.

- The Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) requests critical health information and contact details, including a contact phone number in Australia.

- You must provide evidence that you made this declaration during airline check-in and boarding.
- Travellers who do not make the declaration before they board their flight will experience unnecessary delays at the airport, or when you arrive in Australia.

When filling out the DPD you will need to upload your vaccination certificate. You will also need to:

- provide your contact details, including a contact phone number in Australia
- make a legally binding declaration in relation to your vaccination status
- make a declaration regarding your last 14 days travel history
- make a declaration that you are aware of the quarantine and testing requirements that apply when coming to Australia and in the [state or territory](#) you are landing, and the penalties for non-compliance.

5. Transiting to Tasmania through other Australian States

- To travel to Tasmania, you must transit through another Australian state or territory which does not require quarantine for international students.
- We recommend you book your flight to Tasmania through either Melbourne (Tullamarine) or Sydney (Kingsford Smith) airport.
- If you intend to travel to Tasmania through another state or territory [please check here](#) for the latest specific quarantine and eligibility requirements.

6. Checklist for Travelling to Tasmania After 15 December 2021

Steps to Complete	Details
Step 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am fully vaccinated	To enter Australia, you must have received two doses of a vaccine which is approved or recognised by the TGA for the purpose of travel to Australia.
Step 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have a visa which is exempt from travel restrictions	International student visa holders (subclass 500) can travel to and from Australia without needing to apply for a travel exemption. For information on all visa exempt categories, or steps on applying for an individual exemption, see: Travel restrictions and exemptions .

<p>Step 3</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My flight to Tasmania transits through Melbourne or Sydney and arrives no more than 7 days before my course commences</p>	<p>Book flights to Tasmania which transit through Melbourne and Sydney, as these jurisdictions allow fully vaccinated international students to enter Australia and change to a domestic flight to transit to Tasmania.</p>
<p>Step 4</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have obtained my Vaccination Certificate from my home country</p>	<p>If you were vaccinated overseas you must obtain a certificate from the country in which you received your vaccination.</p> <p>Keep a hard copy or an electronic copy of your vaccination certificate.</p> <p>If you were vaccinated in Australia, you will need to show airline staff your International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (ICVC)</p>
<p>Step 5</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have notified my education provider of my flight details</p>	<p>We need your flight information so that we can organise a free airport pick-up service or coordinate with your homestay to meet you at the airport</p> <p>Please provide your information to your international student advisor (TasTAFE) or GETI Homestay team</p>
<p>Step 6</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have completed the Digital Passenger Declaration</p>	<p>Travellers to Australia should complete the Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) and submit it within 72 hours prior to your departure for Australia. The DTD contains a declaration regarding your vaccination status that is considered to be critical health information.</p>
<p>Step 7</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have undertaken a pre-departure COVID-19 test</p>	<p>Evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours before your international flight's scheduled departure must be provided to your airline when you check-in; or</p> <p>A medical certificate as evidence of a negative Rapid Antigen Test taken under medical supervision within 24 hours before your flight's scheduled departure to Australia.</p>
<p>Step 8</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I know who to contact if I have any questions</p>	<p>Students can find the latest information on travel, visas and COVID-19 on the Department of Home Affairs website or Tasmania Coronavirus Website</p> <p>Students can also contact Government Education and Training International (GETI) at info@geti.tas.gov.au with any questions about their travel and quarantine requirements.</p> <p>We appreciate this is a complex process and we are always here to help!</p>