



MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATED COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR NORFOLK ISLAND

EMNI continues to make decisions on travel to Norfolk Island to ensure that Norfolk Island stays COVID-19 free.

What's new

1. Stricter controls on residents returning and essential services personnel arriving and continued to be assessed on a case by case basis. You must ordinarily reside on Norfolk Island to return, or be considered an essential services personnel, and have a valid reason to return, either medical, compassionate or essential services.
2. Effective today, all essential services personnel will undertake the full 14-day isolation period with no exceptions. They cannot leave their place of isolation to undertake their essential services work until the 14-day isolation period is complete.

Essential services personnel include doctors, nurses, emergency services personnel and technicians for critical projects (as determined by the IMT).

The following was advised to the community on 27 March 2020 and has not changed -

Inbound travel to Norfolk Island

If you have travelled from outside Australia, you will be required to go into self-isolation **in Australia**, either in Brisbane or Sydney, for 14 days prior to returning to Norfolk Island, effective immediately. Accommodation and meal costs for the mainland isolation period will be covered. When you return to Norfolk Island, you will be required to undertake a further 14 days of self-isolation.

On Norfolk Island, you will NOT be able to isolate with others who did not travel with you, including your family members or friends who live in the same residence. You will be required to make fully independent living arrangements for the duration of your self-isolation period. If this poses logistical issues for you, please discuss with the Welfare Functional Services Coordinator on +6723 50855 or email sharyn.menzies@nirc.gov.nf. For out of hours' assistance call the NIPF on +6723 22222.

Outbound travel from Norfolk Island

Non-essential travel for residents to the mainland is no longer permitted if you plan on returning to Norfolk Island prior to 30 June 2020. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the IMT. Essential travel includes medical and compassionate reasons.

Travel between Norfolk Island and mainland Australia is domestic travel.

Queensland

Queensland restricted access at its borders on 25 March 2020. Anyone travelling to Queensland from overseas or interstate, including Norfolk Island residents, will be required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival.

There are exemptions including: medical treatment, compassionate grounds, those travelling to and from work, court orders, freight and emergency workers. Medical patients will need to provide a Medicare card and a form demonstrating that they are attending a medical appointment.

New South Wales

At this stage, domestic travellers to New South Wales, including Norfolk Islanders, will not be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This could change.

Outbound travel from mainland Australia

Effective from 25 March 2020, a ban on Australians travelling overseas was put in place. Exemptions apply to some travellers and include:

- citizens who normally live overseas
- where travel is essential or necessary
- where travel is in the national interest and on compassionate and humanitarian grounds.

To have your travel plans approved by the IMT please contact +6723 22222 or email glenn.elder@afp.gov.au.

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