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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

**Approval for accompanying adults to enter Queensland from a COVID-19 hotspot to collect a child enrolled in a Queensland school and depart the state – *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 53)***

I, Dr Lynne McKinlay, Deputy Chief Health Officer, have provided an exemption on the conditions set out below for interstate residents who attend boarding school in Queensland as an exempt class of persons under *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 53)* or its successors, or unless amended or revoked, for the students and accompanying adult/s defined in paragraph 2.

**This approval only applies to an accompanying adult who resides interstate and is entering Queensland to collect students from a Queensland school at the end of the 2021 school year to return them interstate. It does not permit students or their accompanying adult to enter Queensland for any other purpose except as permitted under the *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 53)*, or its successors.**

1. This class exemption applies until **31 December 2021**, unless it is amended or revoked.
2. In this document:
  - a. ***Accompanying adult*** means a parent, guardian or other responsible adult accompanying ***students*** or travelling in connection with the conveyance of ***students*** from Queensland. This is limited to two accompanying adults. Any travel undertaken that is additional or ancillary to the conveyance is outside of the scope of this class exemption and it will no longer apply;
  - b. ***COVID-19 hotspot*** means a COVID-19 hotspot declared by the Queensland Chief Health Officer;
  - c. ***COVID-19 vaccine*** means a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for use in Australia, or for an overseas administered vaccine, a vaccine approved by WHO-COVAX;
  - d. ***Emergency officer (public health)*** means an emergency officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 2005*;
  - e. ***Face mask*** means a flat surgical mask, P2/N95 mask or a cloth face mask with three layers that covers the nose and mouth (but does not include a face shield);

*Note: a scarf or bandana is not a face mask.*

- f. **Fully vaccinated** means the person has received the prescribed number of doses of a **COVID-19 vaccine**.
- g. **Interstate exposure venue** means a place that is:
  - i. identified by the relevant government authority for the State or Territory as a venue where a person who was present at that venue during an exposure period is required to quarantine, isolate, or be tested for COVID-19 and isolate until they receive a negative result or for another period due to potential exposure to COVID-19; and
  - ii. published on the Queensland Health website.
- h. **Non-restricted border zone** means the local government areas decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website

*Note: these areas are represented on the map approved by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/covid19/travel-declaration-map>*

- i. **Private transport** means:
  - i. a private vehicle driven by an **accompanying adult** or **students**; or
  - ii. a hire vehicle obtained via contactless collection for use solely by the **accompanying adult** and/or **students** for the purpose of leaving Queensland by road; or
  - iii. if travel by (i) to (ii) are unavailable, by taxi with a protective shield between driver and passenger or a maxi taxi; or
  - iv. if travel by (i) to (iii) are unavailable, a taxi or ride share sitting in the back seat on the passenger side.
- j. **Restricted border zone** means the local government areas decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website.

*Note: these areas are represented on the map approved by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/covid19/travel-declaration-map>*

- k. **Students** means a student enrolled in a Queensland school who is:
  - i. being collected by an **accompanying adult**; and
  - ii. leaving Queensland at the end of the 2021 school year.
- l. **Symptoms consistent with COVID-19** means fever or history of fever, symptoms of acute respiratory infection (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat), loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting or fatigue.

### Entry to and exit from Queensland

- 3. An **accompanying adult** is permitted to enter Queensland from a **COVID-19 hotspot** outside of the **non-restricted border zone**, by air or road to immediately collect **students** and then depart Queensland in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7.
- 4. An **accompanying adult** entering by air or road must be **fully vaccinated** for COVID-19 prior to entering Queensland. They may be asked to demonstrate evidence of their vaccination on entry.
- 5. An **accompanying adult** entering by air or road must undertake a **COVID-19 PCR test** and receive a negative test result within 72 hours prior to their entry into Queensland. They may be asked to demonstrate evidence of their negative **COVID-19 PCR test** on entry.

6. After collecting the **students**, the **accompanying adult** and **students** must leave Queensland immediately, travelling by air or in **private transport** via the most direct route practicable, only stopping:
  - a. for essential fuel or fatigue management, including to remain overnight to support fatigue manage on their departure from the state; or
  - b. in an emergency; or
  - c. if directed to stop by law enforcement; andensuring contact-less exchanges during any period of stopping.
7. If **students** and the **accompanying adult** need to stop during their transit into or out of Queensland, then the **accompanying adult** must:
  - a. Limit interactions with the Queensland community to the greatest extent possible (including using contactless services where possible); and
  - b. use the Queensland Check In App whenever entering a relevant business or premises; and
  - c. maintain contact records for any persons with whom they come into contact. The records that are required to be kept are the date, time and location at which they encountered a person/s.
8. **Students** and an **accompanying adult** who leave Queensland in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 are not required to complete 14 days of quarantine.
9. If **students** and an **accompanying adult** are found to not have left Queensland in accordance with this class exemption then they may be directed to quarantine by an **emergency officer (public health)**.
10. **Students** and an **accompanying adult** may only remain in Queensland for the minimum time necessary to safely depart the state.

### Queensland Border Declaration Pass

11. Any **accompanying adult** entering Queensland in accordance with paragraph 3, must apply for and receive a Queensland Border Declaration Pass prior to entering Queensland, unless they already have a valid Queensland Border Declaration Pass.

*Note: You must describe the right of entry as 'I have an exemption granted by the Chief Health Officer' and you will be issued a Queensland Border Declaration Z-Pass.*
12. Any **students** or **accompanying adult** must comply with all requirements under the *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 53)*, or its successors, in relation to the Queensland Border Declaration Pass.

### Face masks

13. Any **students** and **accompanying adult**, must carry a **face mask** and wear the mask:
  - a. during transit; or
  - b. if departing by air, then in the airport and on the airplane; or
  - c. if departing by road, then whenever leaving the **private transport**, or
  - d. if staying overnight in Queensland, to support appropriate fatigue management on their departure from the state, then whenever they are outside of their accommodation.
14. **Face masks** are only required to be worn by persons who are aged 12 years or older.

## Documentation and other requirements

15. To enter Queensland under this class exemption, an **accompanying adult** must carry a copy of the following, and present them if requested to do so by an **emergency officer (public health)**:
- a. Queensland Border Declaration Pass for each individual (Z-Pass);
  - b. copy of this class exemption;
  - c. driver's licence or other form of ID for **accompanying adult**;
  - d. contact details for **accompanying adult**, including, name, phone number, email address and quarantine location.
16. The class exemption does not apply to anyone who has:
- a. Been overseas in the 14 days prior to entering Queensland;
  - b. been to an **interstate exposure venue** or is a close contact of someone who has been to an **interstate exposure venue**; or
  - c. had known contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
  - d. been diagnosed with COVID-19 and is not yet cleared; or
  - e. **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**, unless cleared by a medical practitioner and able to provide a negative COVID-19 test no greater than 3 days prior to travel.

This exemption has been approved based on the Public Health Directions and COVID-19 hotspot declarations in place at the time of approval. It is the **student's** and an **accompanying adult's** responsibility to review the Public Health Directions and hotspot declarations at the time of their entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.

Yours sincerely



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