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Exemptions from Travel Restrictions Imposed by Australia

The government of Australia is currently implementing strict border control measures to protect the health of its citizens. Only Australian citizens, residents and their immediate family members, holders of diplomatic and UN passports are allowed entry into Australia.

The Commissioner of the Australian Border Force, however, may grant exemption to individuals in critical sectors or with critical skills, with the following qualifications:

- Travelling at the invitation of the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority for the purpose of assisting in the COVID-19 response;
- Providing critical or specialist medical services, including air ambulance, medical evacuations and delivering critical medical supplies;
- With critical skills required to maintain the supply of essential goods and services (such as in medical technology, critical infrastructure, telecommunications, engineering and mining, supply chain logistics, agricultural technology, food production, and the maritime industry);
- Delivering services in sectors critical to Australia's economic recovery (such as financial technology, large scale manufacturing, film and television production and emerging technology), where no Australian worker is available;
- Whose entry would otherwise be in Australia's national interest, supported by the Australian Government or a state or territory government authority.

An individual can submit a request for a travel exemption under this category or a business can submit a request on their behalf. The applications of multiple travelers within the same group/business can be linked, so that the requests are considered together. Application for an exemption should be made for at least four (4) weeks, but not more than three (3) months prior to the planned travel. Urgent business travels will be considered within the aforementioned timeframe.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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