



**UPDATE 1430 21 March 2020 AEDST**

**The Australian Prime Minister has given approval for foreign nationals departing New Zealand to transit Australia to return home.**

**Foreign nationals who have been in China, Iran, the Republic of Korea or Italy in the last 14 days will not be permitted transit Australia.**

**All transits must occur on the same day as arrival and passengers will be required to remain airside in the airport.**

**These arrangements will be in place for 72 hours beginning at 1200 21 MAR2020 AEDST.**

**At the conclusion of this period any transit requests will need be considered through the Commissioner's exemption process.**

**UPDATE 0741 21 MARCH 2020 AEDST**

**The Australian Prime Minister has given approval to 36 hour transit window beginning at 2100 20MAR2020 AEDST.**

This will enable European travellers currently in New Zealand to transit Australian airports enroute back to Europe.

This is not to be a standing exemption but one to enable the return to Europe of French and other European nationals who rely on connections via Australian airports.

1. Effective 20 March 2020 at 2100 AEDST, all foreign nationals who do not meet the travel exemptions and are not in Australia before 2100 AEDST on 20 March 2020, will not be allowed to enter Australia. All exempt travellers will still be required to self-isolate for 14 days from the time of arrival in Australia.
2. The ABF request that all non-exempt traveller are not allowed to board.
3. The following travellers are exempt from the travel restrictions, but will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days from the time of arrival in Australia:
  - a. Australian citizens.
  - b. Permanent residents of Australia.
  - c. To align with New Zealand (NZ) border arrangements, exemption has been put in place for all NZ nationals who may be eligible for a Special category (subclass 444) visa on arrival, are of no character concerns and usually reside in Australia. These NZ nationals are to be permitted to travel like other permanent residents.
  - d. Immediate family defined as per Regulation 1.12AA. This includes legal guardians, spouse, de facto partner and dependent child. Further clarifying 'immediate family'
  - e. Air crew (airline crew are exempt from the isolation requirements if personal protective equipment (PPE) was used in accordance with their existing infection prevention work instructions and they are not symptomatic).



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- f. Diplomats accredited to Australia and currently resident in Australia, and their immediate family.
- g. Transit rights for nationals of all Pacific Island Forum countries and Timor Leste, plus residents of New Caledonia and French Polynesia.
- h. Commissioner's Discretion – Processes are in place to formally seek an exemption for travel, through a Commissioner's Discretion for compelling and compassionate circumstances.