## FAQs: Travel to and from Australia for travellers who are [fully vaccinated](#_How_do_I) for international travel purposes

Current as of 28 April 2022

**Please note the information contained in these FAQs is subject to change at any time. Please check all linked websites on a regular basis to ensure you are accessing current information.**

**Eligibility**

### Who is eligible for exemption-free travel to and from Australia?

**As of 21 February 2022, all travellers** **meeting the definition of** [**fully vaccinated for international travel purposes**](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing) – including a [Subclass 500 Student visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500), [Subclass 600 Visitor visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600) and [Subclass 020 Bridging visa B (BVB)](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/bridging-visa-b-020) holders – **are eligible to travel to and from Australia without needing to apply for a travel exemption.**

In particular, international school students must:

* hold a valid Australian visa
* be [**fully vaccinated**](#_How_do_I) **against COVID-19 for international travel purposes** and depart for Australia no earlier than seven days after receiving a completed dosage of a vaccine approved or recognised by Australia’s Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), see: [Approved or recognise](https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates)d vaccines
  + children aged under 12 who are not fully vaccinated for international travel purposes or medically exempt from COVID-19 vaccination can gain access to the same arrangements as fully vaccinated travellers
  + arrangements are also in place to permit minors between 12 years and 2 months and 17 years of age who are not fully vaccinated to travel with an adult who meets the definition of [fully vaccinated for international travel purposes](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing).
* provide **proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status** that meets [all Australian requirements](https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates)
* not be unwell at the time of return to Australia and agree to meet all other requirements for travel into Australia, including meeting any quarantine and public health requirements set out by state or territory health authorities

Travellers who cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 because of a medical condition need to provide evidence of a [valid medical exemption recognised by the Australian Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-international-travellers).

For more information, see: [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions – International Travellers | Australian Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022/03/coronavirus-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-international-travellers.pdf) (pages 3-4)

### Do I still need to take a pre-departure COVID-19 test before travelling to Australia?

**From 18 April 2022**, the Australian Government **no longer requires people travelling to Australia to take a COVID-19 test before travel**.

This means that after this date, travellers to Australia will **not be asked to provide a negative COVID-19 test result at airport check-in**, and Australian Border Force officials will **not request** **evidence of a recent negative COVID-19 test result on arrival** in Australia.

People travelling to Australia must continue to meet inbound passenger travel, health and visa requirements including being [**fully vaccinated**](#_How_do_I) **against COVID-19 for international travel purposes.**

For more information on recent changes to **pre-departure COVID-19 testing requirements**, see: [Inbound international travel | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/international-travel/inbound#predeparture-testing).

### I don’t have a student visa yet. What should I do?

You must apply directly with the Australian Department of Home Affairs (DHA) to obtain a [Subclass 500 Student visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500), and if applicable, a [Subclass 590 Student Guardian visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-590) or a [Subclass 600 Visitor visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600) for any accompanying parent or guardian.

Visa application [processing times](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-processing-times/global-visa-processing-times) continue to change. As of 28 April 2022, average visa application processing times currently stand at around:

* **1 to 4 months** fora [Subclass 500 Student visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500)
* **1 to 5 months** fora [Subclass 590 Student Guardian visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-590)
* **1 to 5 weeks** for a [Subclass 600 Visitor visa](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600)

For more information on how to apply for a student visa, see: [DHA document checklist](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/web-evidentiary-tool)

### How do I know if Australia considers me fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for international travel purposes?

Australia considers you to be **fully vaccinated** **for international travel purposes** if you have completed a course of an Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved or recognised vaccine(see list below). Mixed doses count towards being fully vaccinated if all vaccines are approved or recognised by the TGA.

Current vaccines and dosages accepted for the purposes of international travel are:

* **Two doses** at least 14 days apart of:
  + AstraZeneca Vaxzevria
  + AstraZeneca Covishield
  + Pfizer/Biontech Comirnaty
  + Moderna Spikevax or Takeda
  + Sinovac Coronavac
  + Bharat Biotech Covaxin
  + Gamaleya Research Institute Sputnik V\*
  + Sinopharm BBIBP-CorV\* (for people under 60 years of age on arrival in Australia)
  + Novavax/Biocelect Nuvaxovid
* Or **one dose** of:
  + Johnson & Johnson/Janssen-Cilag COVID Vaccine

**If you have not been vaccinated with the above doses or schedule, you do not meet Australia’s definition of fully vaccinated for international travel purposes.** This includes instances where the dosing schedule or vaccine eligibility differs in your country of origin.

Travellers with acceptable proof that they cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, and children under 12 can access the same travel arrangement as fully vaccinated travellers.

Arrangements are also in place to permit unvaccinated minors aged 12-17 years to travel with an adult meeting the definition of [fully vaccinated for international travel purposes](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing).

Please check these websites regularly for information and updates:

* [Vaccination and testing | Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing)
* [International COVID-19 vaccines recognised by Australia | Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)](https://www.tga.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccines-recognised-australia)

\*For more information on which **Sinopharm** and **Sputnik** branded vaccines are accepted at this time, see: [Guidance on foreign vaccination certificates | Australian Passport Office](https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates#1)

### What happens for students between 12 years and 2 months and 17 years of age who are partially vaccinated or not yet vaccinated?

If you are between 12 years and 2 months and 17 years of age and are not fully vaccinated, you can travel to Victoria with **at least one parent or guardian** **who is** [**fully vaccinated**](#_How_do_I) with a TGA approved/recognised vaccine (or has a medical exemption).

### What happens if I don’t currently meet vaccine eligibility requirements?

You are not currently eligible for exemption-free travel to Australia if you:

* do not meet the definition of [fully vaccinated for international travel purposes](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing)
* do not qualify for the age or guardian related arrangements listed in Question 3 and 4 (above)
* do not hold a valid Australian visa.

Temporary visa holders over the age of 18 who do not currently meet Australia’s definition of [fully vaccinated for international travel purposes](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing) must apply for a [travel exemption](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/unvaccinated-travellers/temp-visa-holders/entering-and-transiting-australia/exemption-process) to enter Australia at this time.

To be eligible for a travel exemption, you must be able to demonstrate compassionate and compelling reasons to travel. All travel exemptions are granted at the discretion of the Australian Border Force Commissioner.

**Note:** Temporary visa holders who arrive in Australia **may have their visa cancelled** and be detained and removed if they:

* are **not fully vaccinated for international travel purposes** in accordance with [Australia’s border entry requirements](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing); or
* **do not have a medical contraindication to a COVID-19 vaccine** as [defined by the Australian Government](https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022/04/coronavirus-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-international-travellers_0.pdf); or
* are **not in an exempt category** or **hold an individual travel exemption**.

For further information, see:

* [Travel exemption process to enter Australia | Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/unvaccinated-travellers/temp-visa-holders/entering-and-transiting-australia/exemption-process)
* [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions – International Travellers | Australian Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022/04/coronavirus-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-international-travellers_0.pdf)

**Booking travel**

### Do I need to travel with a parent or guardian if I’m under 18?

Students between 12 years and 2 months and 17 years of age at the time of travel **can travel to Australia unaccompanied if they are** [**fully vaccinated for international travel purposes**](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing) (or have a recognised medical exemption).

For more information and regular updates: [Vaccination and testing | Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing)

### Can I fly to Melbourne via another country?

Where at all possible, **the Department strongly recommends booking direct flights to Melbourne**, Victoria.

Please be advised that **entry requirements and border restrictions** in some countriesmay be *stricter* than those in Australia or your home country and **can suddenly change without notice**. This could result in delays and added costs to your travel plans.

For more information on current transit requirements, see: [International Air Transport Association (IATA) - International Travel Document News](https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php)

The above guidance is particularly important for unaccompanied students aged under 18.

### Can I fly to Melbourne via Sydney or another Australian city?

Where at all possible, **the Department strongly recommends booking direct flights to Melbourne**, Victoria. This avoids risks associated with flight delays/cancellations of connecting flights.

If you are considering travelling to Melbourne via another major Australian city, please ensure to also check current entry requirements and travel restrictions that apply in these [transit stops / other Australian states](https://www.australia.gov.au/states).

For more information, see: [State and Territory Government Coronavirus Information](https://www.australia.gov.au/states)

The above guidance is particularly important for students aged under 18 and travelling unaccompanied.

### Do I need evidence of COVID-19 vaccination when I book my flight?

You will be required to show evidence of COVID-19 vaccination when booking your flight and/or checking in at the airport.

**It is important to note that all airlines will have slightly different travel requirements**. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians and students to **ensure they meet all the requirements of the airline** and **check regularly for any** **updates**.

Students and parents or guardians may also have to present their COVID-19 vaccination certificates at various times throughout their travel to Australia. Travellers vaccinated in countries other than Australia must be able to present COVID-19 vaccination certificates in formats that meet the Australian Government’s 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
* Containing at a minimum:
  + name as it appears in the traveller's passport
  + either their date of birth or passport number
  + the vaccine brand name, and
  + the date of each dose or the date on which a full course of immunisation was completed

Paper and digital certificates are currently acceptable.

For updates and information on foreign vaccination certificates, please regularly review: [Guidance on foreign vaccination certificates | Australian Passport Office](https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates)

**Preparing to Travel**

### How do I prepare to travel to Australia from overseas?

* **Before booking your travel**

You must **discuss your travel plans and intended arrival date with your International Student Coordinator (ISC) before booking flights to Australia** to ensure continuity of studies.

* **Booking your travel**

After confirming your travel plans with your school, the Department strongly recommends that you **first check the following** to determine your preferred travel options:

* **Airline** **travel requirements** (including unaccompanied minor policies where applicable) years of age)
* **Entry requirements** for all countriesyou may be transiting through
* **Validity of your** **current Australian visa** (which should extendwell beyond your intended date of travel in case of delays or cancellations).
* **Check** [**Victorian health, quarantine and testing requirements**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers)on arrival that may apply.
  + ***Note:*** while as of 23 April 2022, all international travellers, regardless of vaccination status, are no longer subject to testing and quarantine requirements on arrival in Victoria, **health directives can change without notice at any time**.

To avoid disruption to your travel plans, you are **strongly advised to regularly check** [quarantine and testing requirements that apply in Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers) **both before, and during travel** outside Australia.

For more information, see: [Information for overseas travellers | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers)

* **After booking your travel**

Once you have booked travel to Australia, you must **complete** [**all pre-departure steps currently required by the Australian Department of Home Affairs (DHA)**](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccinated-travellers/temporary-visa-holders/entering-transiting-australia). At this time, these include:

* Holding a **COVID-19 vaccination certificate** [meeting all Australian Government requirements](https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates)
* Completing a [**Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD)**](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/digital-passenger-declaration) form [online](https://dpd.homeaffairs.gov.au/) **before departure** to Australia.

You are advised to bring multiple digital and paper copies of all the above listed documents, as well as evidence of your current Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Please also note that during travel and on arrival in Australia, **all international arrivals must comply with all health directives in place**, such as wearing masks and undertaking testing when required.

For more information, please read the following websites carefully to ensure you have completed all necessary steps before departing for Australia:

* [Vaccinated international travellers entering and transiting Australia | Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccinated-travellers/temporary-visa-holders/entering-transiting-australia)
* [Inbound international travel | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/international-travel/inbound#predeparture-testing)

* [Coronavirus (COVID-19) frequently asked questions – International travellers | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-international-travellers)

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to routinely check and comply with all requirements as **these can change at short notice.**

### What do I need to do to complete my [Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/digital-passenger-declaration) prior to departure?

Before boarding at your point of departure, the Australian Government requires you to present the **outcome** of your online [Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/digital-passenger-declaration) **at airport check-in**.

You can start your [DPD application](https://dpd.homeaffairs.gov.au/) **up to seven days before travel** to Australia, but you must submit it **before departure**. To [create an Australia Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) account](https://dpd.homeaffairs.gov.au/), please ensure you have **all information and documents listed below**:

* flight number
* valid **passport**
* travel history (last 14 days before your flight)
* destination and quarantine arrangements (if required)
* **COVID-19 vaccination record** (or acceptable proof you cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons)

A completed Digital Passenger Declaration **does not guarantee** your travel to Australia. Therefore, it is important to **contact your airline** to confirm whether the outcome of your [Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/digital-passenger-declaration) meets departure requirements.

For more information on how to complete your DPD and DPD outcomes see:[Digital Passenger Declaration | Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/digital-passenger-declaration#toc-4)

### What post-arrival COVID-19 testing and quarantine requirements for international arrivals currently apply in Victoria?

**As of 23 April 2022,** all international arrivals are **no longer required to undertake a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of arrival or** **isolate until they receive a negative result.**

While international travellers are **still strongly recommended** to undertake either a [rapid antigen (RA) test](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test after arriving in Australia, they are **not required to self-quarantine whilst awaiting a result in Victoria**, regardless of vaccination status.

However, **anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms** (e.g. cough, fever, fatigue, headache, loss of smell) **within 7 days** of arriving in Australia **must undertake a** [**rapid antigen (RA)**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests) **or PCR COVID-19 test** (If taking a PCR test, you must also self-quarantine until a negative result is received.)

According to [current Victorian health directives](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases#step-2-report-your-result-and-immediately-isolate-for-7-days), **anyone who receives a** [**positive COVID-19 test result**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests#report-a-positive-result-on-a-rapid-antigen-test) **from an RA test at home** [**must legally report it**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report) **to the Victorian Department of Health** through the [**online COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form**](https://dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/).

If you test positive to COVID-19 at any time in Victoria, you’ll need to follow all steps listed in the Victorian Government’s [Checklist for COVID cases](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases).

RA tests can be purchased across Victoria. A few [Victorian PCR COVID-19 testing sites](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19) now provide free RA tests on request (subject to availability).

If considering a PCR test, first **check current testing site locations**, **opening hours** and **estimated waiting times** at: [Where to get tested for COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19).

Students, their parents or guardians and education agents are encouraged to **visit the following websites regularly for up-to-date information on Victorian health directives:**

* [Information for overseas travellers | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers)
* [Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests)
* [Where to get tested for COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19)
* [Getting your results | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/getting-your-results-covid-19)

### Can I bring RA tests with me from my home country?

The Australian Government has advised that [students can bring RA tests with them to Australia without a permit](https://www.dese.gov.au/download/12976/factsheet-reopening-international-travel-students/26453/factsheet-reopening-international-travel-students/pdf/en). These should be for personal use, or for the use of immediate family. **You must not bring more than 3 months’ supply**.

It is recommended that any RA tests brought from overseas are approved for use in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), however this is not a requirement. RA tests purchased overseas may not have been assessed for their accuracy or performance and may not meet the standards required of RA tests in Australia.

A list of approved RA tests is published on the TGA’s website at: [COVID-19 rapid antigen self-tests that are approved in Australia | Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)](https://www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-rapid-antigen-self-tests-are-approved-australia).

### What happens if I test positive to COVID-19 in Victoria?

Anyone who receives a **positive** [**rapid antigen (RA) COVID-19 test result**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests) in Victoria is **required by law to** [**report their result**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report) **to the Victorian Department of Health** through the [**online COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form**](https://dhvicgovau.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/).

COVID-19 positive individuals must also **immediately quarantine at home for 7 days** from the time the test was taken and **inform all** [**recent social contacts**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts)(whether at [school](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts#checklist-for-social-and-workplace-contacts), [work](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts#checklist-for-social-and-workplace-contacts) or at [home](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts#checklist-for-household-contacts)) of their positive COVID-19 test result.

Students who have **spent more than four hours in a home/accommodation with someone confirmed to be infected with COVID-19** are considered [**household contacts**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts#what-type-of-contact-are-you) for 7 days from the **time the infected individual tested positive**. For more information, see: [Checklist for household contacts | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts#checklist-for-household-contacts)

As of 23 April 2022, **[household contacts](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts" \l "checklist-for-household-contacts) do not have to quarantine** during this 7-day period **if they**:

* **test negative** using a rapid antigen (RA) test **on 5 separate days within the 7-day period** (with tests spaced at least 24 hours apart)
* **wear a mask indoors** when outside the home
* do **not** **visit** **hospitals** or **care facilities**
* **notify** their **employer** or **education facility.**

If someone *cannot* follow these steps, they must quarantine for the 7-day period – and are required to get tested on Day 1 and Day 6.

**Anyone who tests positive on a RA test during their 7-day period as a** [**household contact**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts#checklist-for-household-contacts) **must** [**report their result**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report)**, inform their** [**recent social contacts**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts#checklist-for-social-and-workplace-contacts) **and isolate for 7 days** (as detailed above).

For more information on available resources and health advice if you **test positive to COVID-19**, or if you've been **informed you are a** [**close contact**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts), see:

* [Your COVID Checklist | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist)
* [Checklist for COVID cases | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases)
* [Checklist for COVID contacts | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts)
* [Managing COVID-19 at home | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/recovery)
* [Preparing for COVID-19 isolation | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/prepare-covid-isolation)

### Where can I find Victorian health advice and COVID-19 information and in my native language?

Advice on current travel requirements, COVID-19 vaccines and Victorian health restrictions in **more than 50 languages** can be found here: [Translated information about COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19)

### What options do I have if I test positive for COVID-19 and cannot isolate safely at home?

Community members – including international students – needing a safe place to isolate outside their regular place of residence may be able to stay at the [Victorian Quarantine Hub (VQH)](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-quarantine-hub) for a period of 7 days or until their infection has cleared.

The VQH is a **purpose-built quarantine facility** with cabin-style accommodation which includes a small balcony.

While quarantining at VQH, **you must always stay in your cabin or balcony** and not allow anyone inside unless given permission by an Authorised Officer. You should also expect to be [tested for COVID-19 regularly](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/managing-your-health-at-the-vqh) during your stay.

While in quarantine, all meals will be provided at your cabin door – this includes three meals with drinks and snacks meeting reasonable dietary requirements. [Delivery services](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/during-your-stay-at-the-vqh) and [health and wellbeing resources](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/managing-your-health-at-the-vqh) – including an on-site nurse – are also available where required.

Where needed, **interpreting services are available for all residents at the VQH**, including unaccompanied minors. These can be accessed by **contacting VQH reception** and requesting translator services.

Please note that during the entirety of your stay at the quarantine hub, you cannot cook, smoke, or play loud instruments. Some medical equipment including humidifiers and nebulisers are also prohibited. For more information, see:

* [Information for Quarantine | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-quarantine)
* [Victorian Quarantine Hub | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-quarantine-hub)

Students undertaking supervised quarantine should contact their school’s International Student Coordinator (ISC) as soon as possible.

### Can I immediately return to school after arriving in Victoria?

**As of 23 April 2022, all international travellers** – irrespective of vaccination status – **no longer need to produce a** **negative COVID-19 test result taken within 24 hours of arrival** before visiting any public settings in Victoria, including schools.

However, evidence of a post-arrival negative COVID-test result may be required by your school before first entering school grounds. You are **advised to contact your school directly prior to attending your first day** to ensure you meet all school COVID-19 testing requirements.

Please note that **health,** **quarantine and testing requirements are subject to change at short notice**.

For further information, see: [Information for overseas travellers | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers)

### Will I be expected to get further COVID-19 vaccinations once in Victoria?

While international travellers are not required to obtain further COVID-19 vaccinations after arrival in Victoria, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) currently recommends a [**third COVID-19 vaccine dose**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/third-dose) **for everyone aged 16 years and over**.

[**COVID-19 vaccines**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine) **are free for everyone in Victoria, including international students and their guardians.**

**You do not need a Medicare card to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.** You should only need to **present your passport and** [**Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI)**](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-get-individual-healthcare-identifier?context=22591#a1) – a unique number used to identify an individual for health care purposes which can be obtained online in a few minutes.

If you are aged 16 years and over and received your second COVID-19 vaccine dose more than 3 months ago, you are now eligible for your third dose. You can **book a free COVID-19 vaccine appointment** at your nearest state-run [vaccination centre](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-centres) or [local general practitioner (GP) or pharmacy](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-clinic-finder).

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, see:

* [About COVID-19 vaccines | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-covid-19-vaccines)
* [COVID-19 vaccine third dose | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/third-dose)

For COVID-19 vaccine information translated in **more than 50 languages**, see: [Translated information about COVID-19 vaccines | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-covid-19-vaccines)

### How can I have my overseas COVID-19 vaccinations recognised after arrival in Australia?

**From 23 April 2022**, evidence of COVID-19 vaccination is **no longer required** to enter **any public venues in Victoria**.

However, evidence of COVID-19 vaccination [meeting Australian standards](https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates) **continues to be** [**necessary for travel purposes**](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing) and may still be required in some circumstances once you arrive (e.g. seeking [employment in Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/worker-vaccination-requirements)). Therefore, you may wish to register your overseas COVID-19 vaccinations on the [Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/australian-immunisation-register) upon arrival in Australia.

To be able to do this, you’ll need to [complete the following steps](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/getting-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations-if-youre-not-eligible-for-medicare?context=60091) **online** with **your passport details** ready:

* [Create a myGov account](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygov-help-create-mygov-account)

* [Apply for an IHI (Individual Healthcare Identifier)](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-to-get-individual-healthcare-identifier?context=22591)
* Link your IHI number to your [myGov](https://my.gov.au/LoginServices/main/login?execution=e1s1) account.

For **more detailed instructions**, see: [How to get proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations online if you are not eligible for Medicare - Services Australia](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/easy-read-how-to-get-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations-online-if-you-are-not-eligible-for-medicare?context=60091)

Once you have received your [IHI number](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individual-healthcare-identifiers) and linked it to your [myGov](https://my.gov.au/LoginServices/main/login?execution=e3s1) account, you’ll need to book an appointment with a **recognised vaccination provider** (typically a general practitioner (GP) or pharmacist) to **register your** [**overseas COVID-19 vaccination record**](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/overseas-immunisations?context=60091) **on the** [**Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)**](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/australian-immunisation-register)**.** To do this, you’ll need to bring the following documents to your appointment:

* Your current passport
* Your [COVID-19 vaccination certificate](https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates) (in English)

Within one or two business days after your appointment, you should be able to find your [COVID-19 digital certificate](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-digital-certificate-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations?context=60091) in your [myGov](https://my.gov.au/LoginServices/main/login?execution=e3s1) account. This can then be [uploaded onto the digital wallet](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/easy-read-how-to-add-your-covid-19-digital-certificate-to-digital-wallet?context=60091) on your smartphone for convenient access.

For more information on how add overseas COVID-19 vaccinations to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), see:

* [Overseas immunisations – Services Australia](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/overseas-immunisations?context=60091)
* [Help adding overseas COVID-19 vaccinations to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) – Services Australia](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/help-adding-overseas-covid-19-vaccinations-to-australian-immunisation-register-air?context=60091)

**Will I need to pay someone to have my vaccination recorded on the AIR?**

**GPs and pharmacists typically charge a fee** to record your vaccination details on the [Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/australian-immunisation-register). **As healthcare provider fees can vary, please confirm all costs prior to your appointment.**

Before booking a medical appointment, you may wish to find a local medical centre that will directly bill your [Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)](https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/overseas_student_health_cover.htm) insurance provider. This can significantly reduce – and sometimes eliminate – fees for medical services.

Medibank, the Department’s preferred OSHC provider, has a website listing all **Medibank direct billing health providers** **nearest you**: [Find a Provider | Medibank Overseas Students Health Cover](https://www.medibankoshc.com.au/find-provider/#/)

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination via the Service Victoria app is **universally accepted** in all public settings across Victoria. For more information, see:

* [How we live: Information for Victorians | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live)
* [COVIDSafe Settings | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings)

### I need to travel to my home country during the school year. What do I need to do before leaving Australia?

* **Discuss your travel plans with your ISC (International Student Coordinator)**

When considering overseas travel during the school year, you must **first discuss your travel plans with your International Student Coordinator (ISC)** and agree on a proposed date of date return **before making any bookings**.

You and your ISC should also carefully **consider how possible sudden changes in** [**entry**](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/) **and** [**quarantine**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers) **requirements** in Australia and all countries you plan to visit or transit through **may impact your travel plans and studies.**

* **Check your current Australian visa**

Students and guardians planning to depart Australia during the school year must first check the validity of their current Australian visa and ensure they **return to Victoria well before their current visa expires**.

* **Get vaccinated against COVID-19**

Regardless of nationality, **all individuals 12 years of age and over** **must have received at least two doses of a** [**COVID-19 vaccine**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-covid-19-vaccines#covid-19-vaccines-for-people-aged-12-years-and-over) to be considered [fully vaccinated for international travel purposes](https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/vaccinated-travellers#toc-0) and be able to return to Australia without a travel exemption.

If you are 12 years of age or older and have **not yet received at least two doses of a** [**COVID-19 vaccine**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-covid-19-vaccines#covid-19-vaccines-for-people-aged-12-years-and-over), you’ll need to [book your vaccine appointment](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment) as soon as is practicable.

The department strongly encourages students to **maintain their** [**'up-to-date' COVID-19 vaccination status**](https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-statement-on-defining-up-to-date-status-for-covid-19-vaccination) **before travel** to help make their journey home as safe and enjoyable as possible. For students 16 years of age and older, this now includes **receiving a** [**third COVID-19 vaccine dose**](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/third-dose) from three to six months after a second dose.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccination schedule that applies to your age group, see:

* [ATAGI recommendations on the use of a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022/03/atagi-recommendations-on-the-use-of-a-booster-dose-of-covid-19-vaccine_0.pdf)
* [ATAGI definition of 'up-to-date' status for COVID-19 vaccination | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-statement-on-defining-up-to-date-status-for-covid-19-vaccination)
* **Get your ICVC (International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate)**

Once you meet [vaccination requirements for travel purposes](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing), you will need to apply for your [International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (**ICVC**) as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccination-certificate-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations?context=60091) and have a digital and printed paper copy **before** departing Australia.

**Obtaining your ICVC before departing Australia is essential**.

You are **strongly advised to apply** **for your** [**ICVC**](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccination-certificate-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations?context=60091) **as soon as you meet** [**vaccination requirements for travel purposes**](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing).

Obtaining an ICVC while outside Australia can be time-consuming and failing to provide your ICVC on return to Australia may result in being refused re-entry.

To obtain your [ICVC](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccination-certificate-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations?context=60091) online, you’ll need to sign in to your [myGov](https://my.gov.au/LoginServices/main/login?execution=e3s1) account and complete the following steps:

* Select **IHI service** from *Your services*.
* Select **View proof**.
* Select **Request an international certificate**, then **Next**.
* Follow the steps to verify your vaccinations and passport details. **You may need to update your middle name** in the passport details screen to **match what is on your passport**.

**\*If you cannot obtain your** [**ICVC**](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccination-certificate-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations?context=60091) **online**, you will need your passport, [Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI) number](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individual-healthcare-identifiers) and [COVID-19 digital certificate](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/get-your-covid-19-digital-certificate) to either:

* **Visit a** [**local Medicare Service Centre**](https://findus.servicesaustralia.gov.au/)to request your ICVC in person, **or**
* **Ring the** [**Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)**](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/phone-us?context=26266#acir)during regular business hours at **1800 653 809** to have your ICVC mailed to your Australian address. (Please note that this can take up to 10-14 business days)

**If requesting your ICVC in person or by phone**, you should ensure to **request** both a **digital copy** **and paper copy** and make several copies of each and carry them with you while travelling overseas.

For more information on ICVCs, see:

* [International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate | Australian Passport Office](https://www.passports.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccination-certificate)
* [International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate as proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations | Services Australia](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccination-certificate-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations?context=60091)
* **Check all relevant travel requirements before booking flights**

Once you hold your ICVC, you can start [preparing to leave Australia](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccinated-travellers/temporary-visa-holders/leaving-australia) and make travel arrangements. You should regularly check all relevant airline and [international COVID-19 travel requirements](https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php) that may apply. This may include downloading apps, filling out online forms or pre-departure COVID-19 testing requirements in destination countries **up to several days before leaving Australia**.

Students are advised to **check relevant government websites for all intended destinations** and **directly contact their airline(s)** to confirm they meet all pre-travel requirements.

* **Check Victorian quarantine requirements before planning travel and while overseas**

While as at 28 April 2022, **no post-arrival testing or quarantine requirements** are in effect in Victoria, it is important to remember that **health, quarantine and testing requirements can suddenly change without notice**.

Students (and their parents or guardians) intending to depart Australia must therefore **check for possible changes** in travel-related [Victorian quarantine and testing requirements](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers) **before, and during** travel.

For the **most up-to-date information** on Victorian quarantine and testing requirements, see: [Information for overseas travellers | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/information-overseas-travellers)

* **Meet all Commonwealth pre-departure requirements to return to Australia**

Upon return, all international travellers are required to meet [all Commonwealth travel requirements in effect](https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/preparing-to-travel-to-australia-from-overseas) **prior to returning to Australia**, including:

* Ensuring they hold a copy of the [ICVC](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccination-certificate-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations?context=60091) proving their COVID-19 vaccination status throughout their journey
* Completing a [Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/digital-passenger-declaration) online **before departure** to Australia.

For more **up-to-date information** on Commonwealth travel requirements, see:

* [Planning to travel during COVID-19: step by step | Smartraveller](https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/planning-travel-during-covid-19)
* [Vaccinated international travellers entering and transiting Australia | Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccinated-travellers/temporary-visa-holders/entering-transiting-australia)
* [Vaccinated international travellers leaving Australia | Australian Department of Home Affairs](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccinated-travellers/temporary-visa-holders/leaving-australia)
* [Inbound international travel | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/international-travel/inbound)
* [Coronavirus (COVID-19) frequently asked questions – International travellers | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions-international-travellers)
* **Remember that advice can change**

It is important to note that travel and entry requirements are regularly modified and adjusted.

It is the responsibility of students and guardians considering overseas travel to stay informed and regularly check for travel-related developments at relevant websites listed above.

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