

# Travel Restrictions: COVID-19: Work Travel in the TSS

As at 1 March 2022, there are no entry requirements in place for any travellers to Tasmania arriving by air or sea.

Current travel requirements and risk assessments for areas are found under the 'Traveller and Visitors' section of Tasmanian Government Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) website at [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au).

## Overseas Work Travel

Overseas work related travel can be undertaken with the endorsement of the relevant Head of Agency and approval by the relevant Minister.

When determining whether to approve overseas work travel, a Head of Agency/Minister may consider the level of risk in the country of destination, if the travel is essential, and whether the employee is up to date with vaccination.

## Domestic (interstate) Work Travel

Domestic work related travel can be undertaken with approval from the relevant Head of Agency (or delegate).

There are no restrictions on domestic work travel for vaccinated travellers, subject to any specific Agency policies. Unvaccinated employees will require specific approval by the relevant Head of Agency prior to undertaking work related travel.

Agencies may have policies in place which restrict travel for employees who are not up to date with COVID-19 vaccine booster shots.

Employees should not undertake planned travel if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, per the advice of Public Health.

Employees are to observe any Public Health requirements to register their travel and contact details for any approved travel, and must follow any requirements in the State of destination such as mask wearing, check in, etc.

## Leave Arrangements for Work Travel

If an employee is undertaking work related travel and is required to isolate or quarantine on their return, they are to be paid their normal salary (including regular allowances) for the duration of their absence.

If the employee is able to work from home, this will be encouraged, however if this is not possible the employee will be paid without the need to apply for any leave.

Should an employee test positive to COVID-19 when undertaking approved work travel, the employee will be entitled to appropriate leave (view *Common Scenarios - Workforce Absences during COVID-19* on the DPAC website at <https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/ssmo/coronavirus>), or may initiate a workers' compensation application.

Should an employee on overseas work travel be unable to return to Australia due to travel bans, the employee will be paid their normal salary (including regular allowances) for the duration of the absence. Accommodation and travel-related expenses will continue to be met by the relevant Agency.

## Further Information:

Tasmanian State Service employees and officers are advised to refer to the 'Travellers and Visitors' section of Tasmanian Government Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) website at [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au). The website outlines up to date information regarding travelling to Tasmania.

For the latest information on travel from areas outside of Tasmania, visit the Traveller and Visitors section of Tasmanian Government Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) website at [www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)

Or call the following information lines:

- Tasmanian Public Health Hotline - 1800 671 738
- National health information line - 1800 020 080