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## CHANGES ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND INTRODUCTION OF DIGITAL PASSENGER DECLARATION (DPD)

The Australian government recently announced the following changes in its travel restrictions and exemptions as well as the introduction of its Digital Passenger Declaration:

### 1. Changes on travel restrictions and exemptions

Australian citizens, permanent residents, New Zealand citizens usually residents of Australia and visa holders who are fully vaccinated for the purposes of Australia's international border entry requirements can travel to the country without needing to apply for a travel exemption.

People who do not meet Australia's vaccination requirements for international travel must apply for a travel exemption to travel to Australia, unless they are in an exempt category.

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; or
- do not have a medical contraindication to a COVID-19 vaccine as defined by the Australian Government; or
- are not in an exempt category or hold an individual travel exemption.

Travelers who have not completed a full primary course of COVID-19 vaccines will still be required to seek an exemption to enter Australia.

For more detailed information, kindly visit <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au>.

### 2. Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD)

Effective 18 February 2022, the Australia Travel Declaration will be replaced by Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD).

All passengers arriving by air into Australia should complete the DPD. Passengers can start your DPD seven days before their flight and submit it within 72 hours prior to their departure for Australia. This is because passengers must provide their health information and declaration (vaccination status and COVID-19 test result) within 72 hours before their flight.

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When filling out the DPD, passengers will need to:

- provide their contact details, including a contact phone number in Australia
- make a legally binding declaration in relation to their vaccination status
- make a declaration regarding their last 14 days' travel history
- make a declaration that they are aware of the quarantine and testing requirements that apply when coming to Australia and in the state or territory you are landing, and the penalties for non-compliance

The DPD requests critical health information and passengers must be able to provide evidence that the critical information was completed before boarding the aircraft. This is an enforceable requirement. A person who fails to comply with the requirement may be liable to a civil penalty (fine). Giving false or misleading information to the Australian Government is also a serious offence.

The DPD can be completed online at <https://dpd.homeaffairs.gov.au/>.

For information and guidance of all concerned.



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Sources: *Philippine Embassy in Canberra*  
*Department of Home Affairs, Australia*

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