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**To:** Chief Executives, Hospital and Health Services

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**Subject:** **Extension of class exemption for health workers – *Border restrictions Directions (No. 12)***

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I, Dr Jeannette Young, have provided an exemption for health workers as an exempt class of persons under *Border restrictions Direction (No. 12)*, or its successors or until revoked or amended, for workers who are;

1. Queensland residents who live outside the Queensland border zone and work in the New South Wales border zone at a Northern New South Wales local health district service, or licensed private health facility, and who are re-entering Queensland to return home from their employment; or
2. Residents of New South Wales border zone and work in Queensland at a Health and Hospital Service, or licensed private health facility, outside of the Queensland border zone and are entering Queensland to attend work.

**This approval does not permit health workers to enter Queensland for any other purpose. Health workers must travel directly to and from their workplace without stopping.**

Health workers will not be permitted to enter Queensland if;

- they have COVID-19; or
- they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19; or
- during the 14 days immediately preceding entry the health worker has;
  - been overseas; or
  - been a cleared case of COVID-19; or
  - been outside the border zone into New South Wales, or another declared COVID-19 hotspot; or
  - had known close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19

This exemption is valid for entry into Queensland until 25 September 2020.

When travelling to Queensland, health workers must complete a Queensland Border Declaration Pass (General). The health worker should select that they have an exemption from the Chief Health Officer permitting them to enter Queensland.

Health workers should be able to present their completed Border Declaration Pass at the border and must carry the following documents, and present them if requested by an Emergency Officer (public health);

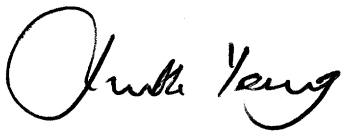
- a copy of this class exemption; and
- government or employer issued ID; and
- if not apparent on the employer issued ID, evidence of working for a;
  - Northern New South Wales local health district or licensed private health facility; or
  - Queensland Hospital and Health Service or Queensland licensed private health facility; and
- Evidence of their identity confirming their place of residence, for example a driver's licence.

As an approved class of persons, health workers must only remain in Queensland for the time necessary to attend their employment and must;

- practice physical distancing including remaining at least 1.5m from other people, to the extent reasonably practicable; and
- practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.

This exemption will be reviewed closer to expiry. Employers are strongly encouraged to have alternative resourcing and workforce plans in place and **not** rely on this class exemption being extended.

This decision has been made based on the Public Health Directions and COVID-19 hotspot declarations in place at the time of this decision. It is each health worker's responsibility to review the Public Health Directions and hotspot declarations at the time of entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.



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