



Update on Travel Restrictions - Novel coronavirus

Travel Restrictions – effective immediately

- The Australian Government has announced that as of 1 February 2020, **all** travellers arriving from any part of mainland China, regardless of nationality, will be subject to enhanced border control measures to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the Australian community.
- Australia will deny entry to anyone who has left or transited mainland China from 1 February, with the exception of:
 - Australian citizens
 - permanent residents
 - immediate family members of Australian citizens and permanent residents including spouses, minor dependents and legal guardians
- Limited exemptions also exist for airline and maritime crew, where they have taken appropriate precautionary measures.
- Apart from the agreed exceptions, all other foreign nationals who were in mainland China on or after 1 February will **not be allowed to enter Australia until 14 days after they have left, or transited through, mainland China.**
- These enhanced public safety measures will apply to those seeking to enter Australia as well as those seeking to transit through Australia en route to another country.
- These measures are **temporary** and will be reviewed.

International Travellers

- If you have been in mainland China from 1 Feb 2020, and you are **not** an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or an immediate family member (spouse, minor dependent or legal guardian) of an Australian citizen or permanent resident, **do not travel to Australia at this time.**
 - If you attempt to travel to Australia, either directly or indirectly, your airline will not allow you to board the flight.
 - If you do arrive in Australia and it is determined you have been in mainland China from 1 Feb 2020, your visa will be cancelled and you will be placed in an alternative place of detention for a quarantine period.
 - **Please do not attempt to travel to Australia unless you are an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or an immediate family member (spouse, minor dependent or legal guardian), until these measures are lifted.**

Temporary visa holders

Temporary visa holders who are ineligible for entry into Australia under these measures will have their visa cancelled.

Arrangements will be made to reinstate visas as appropriate following the lifting of these enhanced border control measures.

More information can be found at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/news-media/archive/article?itemId=355>