



Exposed on-board workers

On-board worker

If you usually live in Australia and have travelled from the WA mainland on to an exposed vessel (e.g. an international vessel), to work or to carry out a service, you are considered an on-board worker. This includes travel onto a vessel which is docked at a wharf.

If you work in the maritime industry (e.g. as a stevedore, pilot, loadmaster, inspector), or are a contractor, tradie, emergency services officer etc, and go on board an exposed vessel, you are an on-board worker.

Compliant shift and compliant transfer

If you follow **ALL** of the rules below while on-board a vessel, or in transit, it will be considered a **COMPLIANT SHIFT** and/or **COMPLIANT TRANSFER**.

To be considered a **COMPLIANT SHIFT**:



you must spend less than 12 hours, on one vessel at any one time



you must comply with all hand hygiene protocols



you must take your own food and drink on-board (if food and drink is required)



you must wear appropriate PPE (including a disposable surgical mask) at all times



you must not sleep on-board



you must stay 1.5m from others on-board (unless others are also wearing disposable surgical masks)

To ensure you undertake a **COMPLIANT TRANSFER**, you **MUST**:



comply with all hand hygiene protocols



stay 1.5m from others (unless others are also wearing disposable surgical masks)



wear appropriate PPE (including a disposable surgical mask) at all times

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If you have not followed **ALL** of the rules above, you will be considered an **EXPOSED ON-BOARD WORKER** and **MUST** make an exposed on-board worker declaration **BEFORE** disembarking from the vessel. You **MUST** quarantine and present for testing.

Making an exposed on-board worker declaration

You (or someone on your behalf) **MUST** complete an exposed on-board worker declaration (available at <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/covid-19-coronavirus-exposed-board-worker-declaration-forms> and email it to: SOCC.COVID19@police.wa.gov.au **BEFORE** disembarking onto land in WA.

Approved destinations for exposed on-board workers

You **MUST** travel to:

- suitable premises for self-quarantine; or
- a company quarantine facility.

Travelling to an approved destination

You **MUST** travel via a dedicated vessel, vehicle or aircraft wherever practicable. You can use a private vehicle, taxi or rideshare service if it is not practicable to use a dedicated vehicle. You **MUST NOT** travel using any form of public transport.

You can share a ride with other on-board workers or rig or platform crew members, whether they are exposed or not. You **MUST NOT** share a ride with an exposed maritime crew member.

While travelling to your approved destination, you **MUST**:



stay 1.5m from other people wherever practicable



wear a disposable surgical face mask



cover coughs or sneezes



travel as soon as possible by the most direct route available



wash hands often with soap and water or use alcohol hand rub



NOT leave the vehicle or vessel except for an emergency, or to use toilet facilities (where strictly necessary)

Quarantine requirements for an exposed on-board worker

You **MUST** comply with the exposed on-board worker quarantine requirements outlined in the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions.

Leaving quarantine

You are only permitted to leave quarantine:

- to work on exposed vessels (e.g. an international vessel); or
- to present for COVID-19 testing; or
- at the end of your quarantine period; or
- to escape an immediate threat to your safety.

Length of quarantine

Your quarantine period commences after you disembark the vessel (when you worked a non-compliant shift or undertook a non-compliant transfer) and ends 14 days after your most recent quarantine commenced.

If you work another non-compliant shift or transfer while in quarantine, your quarantine period starts again.

Testing requirements

You will need to present for testing:

- within 48 hours of commencing your quarantine period; and
- on the 11th day after the commencement of your quarantine period.

If you work another non-compliant shift or transfer, you will need to recommence your presentation for testing requirements.

Frequently asked questions

Where do I go for testing?

You will need to travel to the nearest COVID Clinic for testing and inform them you have presented to be tested under a requirement in the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions.

There are strict protocols you **MUST** follow when travelling to and from your nearest COVID Clinic. These are in addition to the requirements you must follow when travelling (listed above). You **MUST** travel by a private or dedicated vehicle, or you may walk if the COVID Clinic is within 2km of your quarantine premise / facility. Full details are outlined in the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions.

What happens if I am complete another non-compliant shift or transfer?

Your quarantine period will start again and so will your presentation for testing requirements (i.e. even if you have already been tested, you will need to comply with the 48 hour and 11th day testing requirements again).

Can I leave the state?

You cannot leave WA during your quarantine period unless authorised by a senior police officer.

When am I no longer considered an exposed on-board worker?

You are no longer considered an exposed on-board worker when:

- you have completed your 48 hour and 11th day testing and have received negative results for both tests **AND** your quarantine period has concluded; OR
- it has been 28 days since your last non-compliant shift or non-compliant transfer.

The information provided in this factsheet is intended as a summary only. To see the complete Exposed On-Board Worker Directions that you are required to comply with, please visit www.wa.gov.au

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Exposed On-Board Worker Directions

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- Includes (but not limited to):
 - people working in the maritime industry (e.g. stevedores, pilots, loadmasters, inspectors etc),
 - contractors,
 - tradies,
 - Emergency Services officers etc



Rules when working on-board an exposed vessel

- Ensure your total shift duration is no longer than 12 hours
- Take your own food and drink on-board (if food and drink are required)
- Do not sleep on-board
- Comply with all hand hygiene protocols
- Wear appropriate PPE (including a disposable surgical mask) at ALL times
- Stay 1.5m from others on-board (unless others are also wearing disposable surgical masks)



Compliant Shift

- **Complied** with **ALL** of the **rules** listed above



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- Continue your normal activities
- Do not need to get tested
- Do not need to quarantine



Non-compliant Shift

- **Did not comply** with **one (1) or more rules** listed above



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- **MUST** complete an **exposed on-board worker declaration BEFORE disembarking** on to WA mainland
- Must quarantine at suitable premises or a company quarantine facility
- Must present for testing within 48 hours and on the 11th day after commencing quarantine
- Can work another non-compliant shift however quarantine requirements re-commence