



Transport of exposed maritime workers

This information is intended for people involved in transporting exposed maritime workers. This includes people who work on a vessel, vehicle or aircraft used to transport exposed maritime workers and the owners, operators and persons in charge of the vessels, vehicles and aircraft.

Exposed maritime workers

Exposed maritime workers include 3 categories of workers:

- exposed maritime crew members (e.g. crew from an international vessel)
- exposed rig or platform crew members and/or
- exposed on-board workers

Dedicated conveyance

A **dedicated conveyance** is a vessel, vehicle or aircraft that is used for the transport of exposed maritime workers, including a tender vessel or helicopter transferring a person to or from a vessel or a rig or platform, but does not include a taxi or rideshare service, any form of public transport, and any private vehicle used for non-commercial purposes.

Transport workers

If you are a person who has been on a dedicated conveyance and who is required to be on the dedicated conveyance for its safe operation, you are a **transport worker**.

If you are a transport worker who has been on a dedicated conveyance with an exposed maritime crew member (e.g. crew from an international vessel) as opposed to another category of exposed maritime worker, you are an **EMC transport worker** and must comply with extra requirements.

If you are the owner, operator or person in charge of a dedicated conveyance, you **MUST** take reasonable steps to identify each EMC transport worker and **NOTIFY** them of their status.

Requirements for ALL transport workers, EMC transport workers and maritime workers who are travelling on a dedicated conveyance:

You must **AT ALL TIMES** while on the dedicated conveyance:



stay 1.5m from other people wherever practicable



wear a disposable surgical face mask



cover coughs or sneezes



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

If you are the owner, operator or a person in charge of a dedicated conveyance you **MUST** also ensure:



exposed maritime workers DO NOT leave the dedicated conveyance except for an emergency, or to use toilet facilities (where strictly necessary)



the dedicated conveyance is cleaned^{^^} after transporting exposed maritime workers **PRIOR** to it being used to transport other people.



if **toilet facilities** are used by **exposed maritime crew members (e.g. international crew)** during travel, the facilities **MUST** be cleaned^{^^} (or arranged to be cleaned) by a transport worker or person in charge of the facilities **PRIOR** to being used by any other person (except another exposed maritime crew member on board the same dedicated conveyance).

^{^^} Schedule 1 - Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions: parts A, D and E apply to cleaning toilets and parts B, D and E apply to cleaning dedicated conveyances

Sharing a dedicated conveyance

- An exposed maritime crew member **CAN** share transport with other exposed maritime crew members, even if they have disembarked from different vessels.
- On-board workers and/or rig or platform crew members (whether exposed or unexposed) **CAN** share transport, even if they have disembarked from different vessels.
- An exposed maritime crew member **MUST NOT** share transport with any on-board workers or rig or platform crew members (whether exposed or unexposed).

Testing requirements for EMC transport workers who transport exposed maritime crew members (e.g. crew from international vessels)

If you are an **EMC transport worker**, you are required to present for COVID-19 testing every 7 days (until 14 days after you last shared a dedicated conveyance with an exposed maritime crew member).

You will need to present for testing at a COVID Clinic. You should inform staff at the clinic you have presented to be tested under a requirement in the Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions.

You are **NOT** required to self-isolate after testing while waiting on results **unless** you have symptoms at the time of testing or are directed otherwise.

If you develop or have recently experienced any COVID-19 symptoms, you **MUST** phone 13 COVID (13 268 43) **IMMEDIATELY** and ask for instructions.

[Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions]

SCHEDULE 1 - Cleaning Protocols

Part A: Cleaning protocols for ablution (toilet) facilities

Ablution facilities must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using the following protocol:

- close off the affected area before cleaning and disinfection;
- open outside doors and windows if possible to increase air circulation and then commence cleaning and disinfection;
- clean and disinfect hard surfaces firstly using a detergent with a neutral pH and water followed by **suitable disinfectant** (2-step clean). **Suitable disinfectant** means a disinfectant with viricidal properties which is TGA approved for use against COVID-19.
- once cleaning and disinfection is complete, place disposable cloths and PPE in a plastic rubbish bag, tie securely and dispose of the bag in the general waste; and
- cleaning equipment including reusable mop heads cloths are to be laundered using hot water and detergent. They must be completely dried before re-use. Cleaning equipment such as buckets and mop handles are to be emptied, cleaned, disinfected and allowed to dry completely before re-use;
- all rubbish may be disposed of into general waste.

Part B: Cleaning protocols for dedicated conveyances

Dedicated conveyances must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using the following protocol:

- restrict access to the dedicated conveyance before cleaning and disinfection;
- open outside doors and windows if possible to increase air circulation and then commence cleaning and disinfection;
- all areas of the dedicated conveyance are to be cleaned and disinfected starting with the driver's area and then moving towards the rear of the dedicated conveyance to clean the passenger areas;
- clean and disinfect hard surfaces firstly using a detergent with a neutral pH and water followed by suitable disinfectant (2-step clean);
- if soft furnishings or carpet are present on the dedicated conveyance, these items are required to be steam cleaned prior to reuse;
- once cleaning and disinfection is complete, place disposable cloths and PPE in a plastic rubbish bag, tie securely and dispose of the bag in the general waste;
- cleaning equipment including reusable mop heads cloths are to be laundered using hot water and detergent. They must be completely dried before re-use. Cleaning equipment such as buckets and mop handles are to be emptied, cleaned, disinfected and allowed to dry completely before re-use; and
- all rubbish may be disposed of into general waste.

Part D: PPE for cleaners

Persons cleaning ablution facilities, dedicated conveyances and dedicated waiting areas must be equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and have had appropriate training in its use. This includes disposable gloves, protective eyewear and surgical masks. If there is visible contamination with respiratory secretions or other body fluids in the area or dedicated conveyance being cleaned, the cleaning staff should also wear a disposable apron.

Part E: Hand hygiene for cleaners

Persons cleaning ablution facilities, dedicated conveyances and dedicated waiting areas must adhere to the following hand hygiene protocols:

- When hands are visibly dirty, hand hygiene should be performed with soap and water using the following protocol:
 - wet hands and apply soap;
 - lather for at least 20 seconds paying attention to the back of hands and fingers, fingernails and the webbing between fingers;
 - rinse hands under running water; and
 - dry hands with a clean towel or fresh paper towel.
- Hand hygiene can be performed with alcohol-based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) using the following protocol:
 - use enough product to cover both hands;
 - rub all surfaces of hands, paying attention to the backs of hands and fingers, fingernails, fingertips, and the webbing between fingers; and
 - rub hands together until dry.

The information provided in this factsheet is intended as a summary only. To see the complete Transport and Accommodation services (Exposed Maritime Workers) Directions that you are required to comply with, please visit www.wa.gov.au

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