



## Passenger information

# New COVID-19 testing requirements for people travelling from China to Australia

If you're travelling by plane to Australia from China, including Hong Kong and Macau, on or after 5 January 2023, the Australian Government requires you to undertake a COVID-19 test in the 48 hours before your scheduled departure date.

You should be ready to show evidence of your negative test result when boarding your flight in China. You may also need to show this evidence again when you arrive in Australia.

### What do I need to do?

If you're arriving in Australia by plane from China, including Hong Kong and Macau, you will need to undertake a COVID-19 test in the 48 hours before your scheduled departure date from China.

You can take:

- a Nucleic Acid Amplification (NAA) test, including the following types:
  - polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)
  - loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)
  - transcription mediated amplification (TMA)
- a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) administered or supervised by a medical practitioner.

Serology or antibody tests will not be accepted.

You should be ready to show evidence of a negative result from your test when you check in for your flight to Australia. You may also need to show evidence of your negative test result when you arrive in Australia. There is no requirement for your test result to be in English.

If you are unwell, you should reconsider your need to travel until you are well.

If you are unable to present evidence of a negative test result, you may be subject to a civil penalty under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, including a significant fine of up to AU\$8,250.00.

For more information about the types of tests and documentation that will be accepted, visit <https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/international-travel/china-hong-kong-macau>

## Who does this apply to?

The requirement to show evidence of a negative test result for COVID-19 applies to everyone flying to Australia from China, including Hong Kong and Macau, except:

- people aged under 12 years at the time of travel
- airline crew
- people with evidence from a medical practitioner that they have had, and recovered from, a COVID-19 infection in the last 30 days
- people with evidence from a medical practitioner in the last 30 days that they have a medical condition that prevents them from undertaking a COVID-19 test
- patients and other passengers on emergency medical evacuation flights.

For further information on exemptions, visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)

## Transit, transferring and stopover passengers

You DO need to be able to show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test if:

- your flight originates in China, including Hong Kong and Macau, and travels to Australia via another country, if you are spending less than 24 hours transiting in that other country
- you fly from China, including Hong Kong and Macau, and stop in Australia for a stay of more than 24 hours on your way to another country.

You DO NOT need to be able to show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test if:

- you fly from China, including Hong Kong and Macau, and transit Australia before directly travelling on to another country
- you are travelling to Australia on a flight from another country, and transit through China, including Hong Kong or Macau, for less than 24 hours on your way to Australia.

## More information

For more information for travellers from China, and other measures the Australian Government is implementing to protect Australia from new coronavirus variants, visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)