



ACCESS TO MEMBERS' ELECTORATE OFFICES

Directions by the Speaker pursuant to s.5 of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988*

1. No person to enter secured area of official electorate office unless vaccinated or exempt

In accordance with s.5A(b) of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988*, from 18 December 2021, no person shall be permitted to enter the secured area of an electorate office provided by the Parliamentary Service, unless that person has –

- (a) received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine;
- (b) proof of a medical exemption or medical contraindication to the COVID-19 vaccine;
- or
- (c) otherwise applied to the Speaker for exemption from this direction and an exemption has been granted.

For this Directive the secured area of an electorate office, excludes a reception area that is separated from the main office where the public can enter without passing through secured doors. The secured area of an electorate office generally includes: meeting rooms, offices, open plan offices, storage areas, utility rooms etc.

2. Proof of vaccination before entry

Any person attempting to enter the secured area of an electorate office from 18 December 2021 must, before entry, prove their vaccination status by one of the following methods –

- (a) Demonstrate they are vaccinated by showing the Member or an electorate officer:
 - i. A digital copy of written confirmation of COVID-19 vaccination provided to the person as part of the vaccination process, such as a record of vaccine card; or
 - ii. A digital copy of their immunisation history from the Australian Immunisation Register (available through the Medicare Express app); or
 - iii. Their COVID-19 digital certificate (a digital copy of a person's COVID-19 digital certificate is available via the Medicare Express app); or

- iv. A digital copy of an international COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate.
- (b) Demonstrate they are vaccinated by showing an electorate officer:
- i. A hard copy of written confirmation of COVID-19 vaccination provided to the person as part of the vaccination process, such as a record of vaccine card;
 - ii. A hard copy of their immunisation history from the Australian Immunisation Register;
 - iii. A hard copy of their COVID-19 digital certificate; or
 - iv. A hard copy of an international COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate.
- (c) Demonstrate they are vaccinated by using the “Check In Queensland” app and the Electorate Office’s QR code, to check in to the electorate office and show their check in to a Member or an electorate officer.

A person may add their COVID-19 digital certificate or proof of a medical exemption or medical contraindication status to the “Check in Queensland” app. When a person checks into the precinct using the “Check In Qld” app, their confirmation screen will display:

- a dark orange tick to show they’ve checked in, and
- if they have added their COVID-19 digital certificate or have added their proof of a medical exemption or medical contraindication status—their name and a white tick on a green background.

3. Powers to prevent entry and remove non-compliant persons

Members and Electorate Officers are to not enable a person who cannot prove their vaccination status in accordance with 1 and 2 to enter the secured area of an electorate office provided by the Parliamentary Service.

4. Exemptions

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- (a) Officers and Employees who are compliant with Parliamentary Service, *General Directive to Officers and Employees, No. 1/21 Officer and Employee COVID-19 vaccination requirements* are not required to prove their vaccination status in accordance with 2.
- (b) Young people under the age of 16 are exempt from 1 and 2.

5. Approval

This Direction has been approved by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon Curtis Pitt on 11 December 2021.

This Direction takes effect from 18 December 2021.