



## **ACCESS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT**

### **Directions by the Speaker pursuant to ss.5 and 50 of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988***

#### **1. No person to enter parliamentary precinct unless vaccinated or exempt**

In accordance with s.5A(a) of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988*, from 18 December 2021, no person shall be permitted to enter the parliamentary precinct 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.

#### **2. Proof of vaccination before entry**

Any person attempting to enter the parliamentary precinct from 18 December 2021 must, before entry, prove their vaccination status by one of the following methods –

- (a) Demonstrate they are vaccinated by showing an authorised 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 authorised 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.
  - 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 Parliament’s QR code, to check in to the precinct and show their check in to an authorised officer.

Note: 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**

In accordance with s.50 of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988*, authorised officers may –

- (a) Require any person attempting to enter the precinct or who is on the precinct to prove their vaccination status in accordance with 2.
- (b) Prevent any entry to the precinct any person who is unable or unwilling to prove their vaccination status in accordance with 2.
- (c) Order any person who is unable or unwilling to prove their vaccination to leave the parliamentary precinct.
- (d) Use such force as is necessary, to remove from the precinct any person who has been ordered to leave the precinct under 3(c) and has refused to leave.
- (e) Use such force as is necessary to prevent the return of a person removed from the precinct in accordance with 3(d).
- (f) Use such force as is necessary to remove a person found on the precinct and unable to confirm their vaccination status in accordance with 2 and either remove them from the precinct or another area (e.g. refreshment room) not permitted under these directions.

### **4. Exemptions**

- (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) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are entering the parliamentary precinct for the conduct of their parliamentary business are exempt from 1 and 2 (See s. 50(7) of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988*). However, unvaccinated Members are not permitted to enter any refreshment room on the precinct. (“Refreshment room” includes a cafeteria, coffee shop, bar and dining room.)

(c) Young people under the age of 16 are exempt from 1 and 2.

## **5. Requirements on exempt persons**

Despite any Health Directive in force, a person who has been exempted from obtaining a vaccination will not be able to visit any food or beverage service on the precinct and will be required to wear a mask:

- When entering or exiting the parliament precinct;
- When on the parliamentary precinct and unable to social distance; and/or
- When working in and/or accessing an open office environment.

## **6. 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.