

Guidelines for 'medi-hotel' quarantine of PLS and SWP workers in South Australia

These guidelines outline the process for allowing workers recruited under the Australian Government's [Pacific Labour Scheme \(PLS\)](#) and [Seasonal Worker Programme \(SWP\)](#) by Approved Employers in South Australia, to enter South Australia via conventional (medi-hotel or other Government-nominated accommodation) quarantine.

National Cabinet has decided that priority must be given to supporting the repatriation of Australian nationals and permanent residents.

Quarantine on arrival in South Australia

1. Workers may arrive in South Australia on standard commercial flights or charter flights arriving at Adelaide Airport.
2. On arrival, workers will be taken to conventional quarantine which is supervised by South Australian Police (SAPOL) and SA Health. The current direction stipulates that all international passengers arriving will be directed to accommodation nominated by SA Health and remain in quarantine at that location for 14 days from the date of arrival in Australia.

To view the direction regarding quarantine of international arrivals to South Australia go to www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/overseas-arrivals

3. Workers accommodated together in pairs in the recruitment country may be quarantined together in pairs on arrival in South Australia. This may reduce the cost of quarantine for the Approved Employer. However, the Approved Employer should consider that a pair will be confined in close quarters for an extended period and ensure both workers consent to the arrangement.
4. Approved Employers must ensure workers have immediate practical assistance when they are discharged from quarantine, including transport to their further accommodation and workplace.

Costs

5. All costs associated with this option will be the responsibility of Approved Employers.

Quarantine fees apply for international arrivals to South Australia. The hotel quarantine fee is a fixed cost which includes meals and hotel room costs as well as transfers from port of arrival to the approved quarantine accommodation. Current fees are:

- one adult: \$3,000
- additional adults: \$1,000 each

For more information go to www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/overseas-travel

It is acceptable for workers arriving under SWP and PLS visas to share hotel quarantine accommodation, up to a maximum of 2 people per room.

It is permissible for workers arriving under SWP and PLS visas to undertake any induction or mandatory training while in quarantine isolation however it will be the responsibility of the approved employer to provide relevant training materials.

6. Approved Employers must arrange to meet the hotel quarantine costs incurred by workers, with this invoice to be paid in full within 30 days of the completion of the quarantine period.

Domestic Travel Restrictions

Should international arrivals to South Australia first arrive and undertake any mandatory quarantine in another state or territory, they should be mindful of any domestic travel restrictions before entering South Australia.

Travel within South Australia is unrestricted.

To view current border restrictions and processes to cross any state or territory borders go to www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/travel-restrictions

Work Health and Safety

Approved Employers are also required to complete a COVID Risk Mitigation Plan, taking into account workplace risk mitigation and contact tracing measures. For further information go to:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/response+and+restrictions/covid-19+workplace+risk+mitigation?finderTab=tab-2

The COVID Risk Mitigation Plan should be submitted along with the Recruitment Proposal for Approved Employers and the Hotel Quarantine application form to the Australian Government. These documents will then be forwarded to the South Australian Government for assessment.

Additional Information

For any further information relating to South Australia's COVID safe arrangements go to www.covid-19.sa.gov.au

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