

Requirement to wear face masks for airport staff

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All people aged 12 and older who are inside a Tasmanian airport, or on an aircraft, must wear a face mask.

This includes people who work at the airport.

Airport workers and flight crew must wear a face mask when:

- in indoor areas of the airport that are open to passengers, or other members of the public; and
- on-board a domestic commercial aircraft that is at the airport or within Tasmanian airspace with passengers on board.

You must wear a face mask at all times in these situations, unless:

- you are eating, drinking or taking medicine;
- you are communicating with someone who has impaired hearing or who is deaf, and you need to show your mouth to communicate;
- wearing the mask would create a risk to your health or safety;
- having your mouth uncovered is an essential part of your employment or training;
- as an airport worker or aircrew, you are in an area of the airport, or aircraft, that is not open to passengers or other members of the public;
- you need medical care that can't be given if you're wearing a face mask;
- you are asked to remove your face mask by a person in authority, to check your identity; or
- you are required by law to remove your face mask.

You must put your face mask back on as soon as you can after taking it off for one of the above reasons.

Fitting a face mask:



Find the top and front of your mask and position over mouth and nose with front side facing outwards.



Hold your mask by the ear loops and place a loop around each ear. Alternatively, if your mask has ties, fasten ties or tapes at back of your head above and below your ears.

Removing and disposing of mask:



With clean hands, hold both ear loops and lift and remove your mask. Alternatively, untie or break the ties at back of your head.



Only handle your mask by the ear loops or ties, then discard in appropriate waste.



Wash your hands with soap and warm running water.

Illustrations: Australian Government Department of Health

Face masks are not required when outdoors, or when an employee is in an area of the airport or aircraft that is not open to passengers or members of the public (e.g. staff only areas; an empty aircraft; an airport when it is closed to the public).

Fines can be issued for non-compliance.

You don't have to wear a face mask if you work indoors at a site that is not a terminal or associated flight area. Masks are not required if you work in an area separate from the terminal and closed to the public, i.e. you don't need to wear a face mask if you work at a hire car service, office or postal collection area that is not inside an airport terminal.

Follow your organisation's COVID-19 Safety Plan to protect yourself, your workmates and the community.

Definition of airport worker and flight crew

- **airport worker**, at an airport, includes the following persons employed, or engaged, to work at the airport:
 - » an engineer or other technical staff;
 - » a cleaner;
 - » a baggage handler;
 - » a person involved in the delivery or removal of food, goods or other things in connection with an aircraft at the airport;
 - » a person employed or engaged by an airline that is operating at the airport;
 - » a person providing services relating to law enforcement or border security; and
- **member of a domestic flight crew** means a person, on a domestic commercial aircraft, who is employed or engaged as
 - » a pilot, a crew member providing essential safety or maintenance functions or a cabin crew member actively servicing a flight on the domestic commercial aircraft; or
 - » a pilot, crew member or cabin crew member who is not working on the domestic commercial aircraft but is travelling on the domestic commercial aircraft to be able to commence work at another location; or
 - » an aeromedical services crew member providing patient transport, or emergency medical care, to a patient travelling on the domestic commercial aircraft; or
 - » an aeromedical services crew member who is not working on the domestic commercial aircraft but is travelling on the domestic commercial aircraft to be able to commence work at another location.