

What will students need to do before coming to Australia?



For more information refer to EQI's Frequently Asked Questions.

Can I come to Australia if I am fully vaccinated with a TGA approved/recognised vaccine or medically exempt from being vaccinated?

If you are fully vaccinated with a [Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\)](#) approved or recognised vaccine you can enter Queensland with no quarantine required. In addition to being vaccinated you must meet **all** [Australian Government Requirements](#):

- If you are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons, you will need to provide evidence which demonstrates that you have a medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccines;
- Provide [proof of vaccination status](#);
- Hold a [valid and eligible visa](#);
- Complete and submit the [Digital Passenger Declaration](#) at least 72 hours prior to scheduled flight departure; and
- Provide [proof of a negative COVID-19 test result](#) taken within 72 hours prior to scheduled flight departure.

If I am under 18 can I travel unaccompanied?

If you are under the age of 18 and require a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) letter for homestay placement **you must not travel to Australia** until EQI confirms all pre-conditional offer requirements:

- Evidence of vaccination documents (including medically exempted cases) are provided to EQI;
- Confirmation a TGA approved Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) has been purchased for use upon arrival to Queensland (if you are unable to obtain a RAT, please contact EQI);
- Confirmation that EQI has a suitable homestay provider that can support an unaccompanied student under the age of 18 in the event the student is COVID-19 positive;
- Completed School Arrival Details Form and flight itinerary.

What to expect on the day of arrival?

This will depend on the arrangement supported by your school and they will inform you of these details prior to departure. *This option will be recorded on the [Student flight arrival details form](#). Your airport pickup is free. Domestic transfer assistance is also available for regional students.*

An approved transport provider (door to door service):

- Upon arrival at Brisbane International airport, you will be met and greeted by an approved transport chaperone. Before departing the airport, the transport chaperone will assist you to undertake a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). If you produce a negative result the transport chaperone will proceed to transport you to your homestay residence.
- If you test positive, the transport chaperone will inform the school and EQI and manage the situation as per the DEi incident management procedure. You will be required to isolate for seven days as per Queensland Health requirements and this may take place at your homestay or an emergency homestay or an approved isolation accommodation facility.

Homestay elects to pick up the student from the airport:

- Your homestay family may elect to pick you up and will be responsible for assisting you with taking a RAT test within 24 hours of your arrival into Queensland. If you test positive, you will be provided with adequate isolation facilities at your homestay residence where you will be required to isolate for seven days as per Queensland Health requirements.

School elects to pick up the student from the airport:

- Your school may elect to pick you up and will be responsible for assisting you with taking a RAT test within 24 hours of your arrival into Queensland. If you test positive, you will be provided with adequate isolation facilities and will be required to isolate for seven days as per Queensland Health requirements. This may take place at your homestay or an emergency homestay or an approved isolation accommodation facility.

How will I be assisted with taking a Rapid Antigen Test?

It is an expectation that an adult should always complete the test for children or supervise children who are using a RAT kit. RAT kits can be used at home and should give a result within 15-30 minutes.

For more information please see <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/exposed-to-covid/covid-testing-in-queensland/about-the-testing-process>

If the result is positive, follow the [first steps if you have COVID-19 process](#), including [reporting your positive RAT](#) result to Queensland Health.

What to expect if I am a confirmed close contact or positive for COVID-19?

If you are a confirmed close contact or test positive for COVID-19 in Queensland you need to immediately quarantine yourself at your homestay residents for 7 full days (starting from the date of your last contact with the person that has COVID-19).

- Please immediately contact your school (during regular business hours) or use the 1800Qstudy service (after hours).

If you are a close contact and have any COVID-19 symptoms, even mild, you must get tested using a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) or a PCR test. If you test positive, follow the [first steps if you have COVID-19](#).

If your homestay is unable to host due to COVID-19 before you arrive, you will be placed in temporary emergency homestay accommodation.

