



FACT SHEET

ESSENTIAL WORKERS TO COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

As of 10th April, 2020

Essential workers coming to the CKI

It is critical essential workers have the capacity to travel to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands as required to ensure our essential services continue to operate. This will continue regardless of the level of travel ban or other restrictions which are put in place. These services include health, power, fuel, water and wastewater, policing and national security.

A COVID-19 Committee meets daily to consider Australian Government decisions and decide how to apply these rules and protocols to the CKI.

For essential staff to travel to the CKI, their organisation must put forward a request identifying how their work is critical to the continuity of business within the CKI. An assessment will be made by the Territory Controllers and Administrator of the IOT. In a number of cases, despite being recognised as an essential staff member, it has been agreed with the employer that their nominated person is to be quarantined and not attend work for the first 14 days of their stay in the CKI.

Additionally, organisations with essential staff are encouraged to allow them to work from home wherever possible for the first 14 days they are in the CKI.

Where this is not possible, they are encouraged to practise social distancing in the workplace or work independently wherever possible.

Outside of their working hours, this small cohort of essential staff who are required to attend a workplace in their first 14 days from arrival **must adhere to self-isolation** requirements including remaining in their accommodation.

To lodge a request for an Essential Worker to travel to CKI, please contact Belinda Van Zundert at the Office of the Administrator on BELINDA.VANZUNDERT@infrastructure.gov.au or (+61) 8 9164 7901.

ADDITIONAL FACT SHEETS:

Additional fact sheets will soon be available on the other key topics that are relevant to Cocos Keeling Islands residents. These will be available at <https://shire.cc/en/ckicovid19.html>

If you have any specific topics you would like a fact sheet on, please email covid19questions@cki.cc



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