

Vaccination requirement for pubs, bars, nightclubs and licenced events



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The restriction on numbers dancing and drinking standing up at events and venues where alcohol is served and people are freely mixing will be lifted from 6 December. However all patrons in these venues must be fully vaccinated. All staff working in these areas must also be fully vaccinated from 15 December 2021.

The requirement to be fully vaccinated applies to pubs, clubs and events or areas of these locations where alcohol is served and patrons are not exclusively seated (ie pubs, night clubs and music events. It does not apply to restaurants). Current maximum density requirements for all venues and events continue to apply.

Vaccinated entry applies to:

- Pubs, nightclubs, bars and events such as music festivals where people are freely mixing and moving.
- Customers (from 6 December 2021).
- Staff including performers (from 15 December).
- Licenced events of over 250 indoors and 500 outdoors (consistent with the current COVID-19 Events Framework) with either a licence or permit to serve alcohol.

Where venues have multiple areas separated by a wall, for example a hotel with a separate bar, restaurant and bottle shop, vaccinated entry is only required for entry into the bar section of the venue.

Where venues change from seated service to bar service during the course of the day, vaccinated entry is not required where seated service only applies.

Vaccination does not apply to:

- Guests attending weddings and funerals;
- Restaurants, cafes, clubs (eg RSLs, Sports Clubs and Community Clubs) – largely captured under club and special licences;
- Licenced venues where all patrons are required to be seated at all times;
- Cinemas and seated stadiums;
- Children under 12 years of age;

- Delivery persons, trades people and cleaners (contractors);
- A person with a medical exemption or a contraindication.

Density limits

Density limits at all venues continue to apply.

These include limit of one person per two square metres applying to most settings such as retail and business, personal services, hospitality, workplaces, weddings, funerals, places of worship and large public gatherings.

Compliance:

- The responsibility is on individuals to ensure they do not enter a premises or an event without being fully vaccinated.
- There is an obligation for licence holders, venue managers and event organisers to identify themselves as a premises subject to the vaccinated entry requirement (eg through a sign visible to customers and communication to staff).
- There is no obligation for business owners or event organisers to monitor or enforce compliance. However, they can choose to check vaccination status and refuse entry as part of their own workplace risk management.
- Police may enforce compliance through random spot checks at venues and events, where they will be able to request evidence of vaccination.
- Individuals found in breach of the requirement can be fined as for all section 16 directions under the *Public Health Act 1997*.

Definition of 'vaccinated' – either:

- Fully vaccinated; or
- Holding a valid medical exemption from vaccination.

Evidence of vaccination

- Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) – via MyGov, Check in TAS application, or paper copies.
- People vaccinated overseas can present certificates in formats that meet the criteria outlined in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's [Guidance on foreign vaccination certificates](#).