Digital Passenger Declaration

Fact sheet

The Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) is replacing the Australia Travel Declaration (ATD) from 15 February 2022. All passengers entering Australia by air should complete a DPD prior to their departure, unless they are flight crew. Passengers can start a DPD seven days before their flight to Australia, but they can only finalise a DPD within 72 hours before their departure. This is because passengers must provide their health information (vaccine and COVID test) and declaration within 72 hours before their flight.

How do passengers complete a declaration?

The DPD web form can be completed at: https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/digital-passenger-declaration. From 1 March, passengers will be able to complete a DPD by downloading the free mobile Digital Passenger Declaration app from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play store (Android).

Passengers will need to create an account, which will allow them to manage their current and future declarations in one place. The DPD web form requires internet access to complete.

In preparation to complete their DPD, passengers will need to have the following information on hand:

- flight number

- valid passport

- travel history (14 days prior to flight)

- destination and quarantine arrangements (if required)

- COVID-19 vaccination record or acceptable proof they cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons

- a negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test or other nucleic acid amplification test result within 3 days of the flight's scheduled departure to Australia, or a medical certificate as evidence of a negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) taken under medical supervision within 24 hours before the flight's scheduled departure to Australia.

If a passenger has multiple flights, they can list their first flight and the one that lands in Australia on their declaration.

Each passenger is required to complete a DPD. Parents or guardians should complete a declaration for any child under 16 years of age. Anyone who is 16 years old or over should complete their own declaration.

Airlines are required to check that passengers have completed the DPD before travel. Personal data will not be shared with airlines. In addition, airlines have their own requirements which passengers will be required to meet to be allowed to board.

Passengers are required to submit the critical health information requested in the DPD electronically unless exceptional circumstances prevented them from doing so. For passengers unable to complete the DPD online, they will be required to complete a *COVID-19 Declaration for travel to Australia* manual form to

confirm they have met vaccination and pre-departure testing requirements. Passengers must retain this paperwork to present at the border. Manual declarations will be collected by primary line ABF officers and provided to Biosecurity officers who then scan the forms and send to state and territory health authorities. This aligns with current processes for ATD paper declarations.

The DPD will initially be available in English only, with other languages being added in subsequent releases.

What is changing from ATD?

As part of the February release, ABF and DAWE officers will:

- be able to use International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate (ICVC) to verify Australian issued vaccination certificates

- collect passport information and biometrics to link the DPD to a passenger movement

- have access to pre-flight DPD reports

- share health and quarantine data through existing channels

Passengers will be required to show they have completed the DPD via the summary screen (on their phone) or in hardcopy, to airline check in staff. The DPD outcomes are:

- **Complete** – means the information the passenger entered in their declaration meets the COVID-19 health requirements for boarding. Passengers will still need to show evidence of their documentation at check-in before their airline makes the final decision to let them board their flight. This is equivalent to the current 'green' outcome on the Australia Travel Declaration for flights eligible for quarantine free arrival.

- **Confirmation required at check-in** – means the passenger has not met the requirements for travel to Australia and they need to be confirmed at check-in. The airline will decide if the passenger can travel. The Department of Health website details the strict health rules that may result in the airline denying uplift. If a passengers is able to travel to Australia, they may need to quarantine on arrival. This is equivalent to the current 'blue' outcome on the Australia Travel Declaration.

More information on the DPD outcomes and airline check-in processes is included in the FAQs.

Support and future rollout

The DPD web form will be launched from 15 February 2022 and the mobile app from 1 March. The ATD will phase-out from 22 February. For passengers arriving in Australia before 18 February 2022, they will be asked to submit and display their ATD. If they are arriving in Australia on, or after 18 February 2022, they will be asked to submit and display their DPD. From 22 February the ATD mobile app will remain available as read only for those passengers who still need access to their outcome.

The DPD full operating capability will be deployed throughout 2022, eventually replacing the paper-based Incoming Passenger Card (IPC).

The DPD project team will provide updated communication artefacts throughout the key release periods to support stakeholders through the change process. These materials will be provided from the DPD Rollout Taskforce Mailbox: DPDRolloutTaskForce@abf.gov.au.

Public information will be made available from 15 February on the DPD web page: https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/digital-passenger-declaration.