

Media Release

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Australia is opening up again

It is expected that fully vaccinated Australians will be able to leave the country without exemption from Monday 1 November 2021, in a move that lifts major travel restrictions for the first time in 18 months.

In addition, it was announced late last week that parents of Australian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply for a travel exemption, for travel <u>to</u> Australia from 1 November 2021. At the same time, the Department of Home Affairs has started accepting and processing Visitor visa applications for parents and other immediate family members again.

In addition, the Singapore government announced on Tuesday night that it was opening up new vaccinated-only travel lanes with Australia. Australia's quarantine-free corridor with Singapore will be launched on Monday 8 November 201. The link will enable fully vaccinated Australian citizens, permanent residents and their family members to fly to Singapore and back without quarantining, although they will initially be able to land only in Sydney and Melbourne with other states yet to flag a reopening. Students from Singapore and travellers on business are expected to be able to use the travel lane soon as well. Entry to Australia for those visa classes, however, are not signed off yet.

Proof of vaccination will be required for all inbound and outbound travellers. All international travellers remain subject to state and territory quarantine arrangements.

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