



# Exposed vessels

A vessel is a ship, boat or any other kind of vessel for travelling on water. It does not include an oil rig or offshore platform or a cruise ship.

## Exposed vessel

An **exposed vessel** is any vessel that is **NOT** an **unexposed vessel**.

An **unexposed vessel** is a vessel that in the last 60 days:

- has not been to a port outside of Australia (other than New Zealand); and
- has not visited at a port which was a restricted location at the time the vessel visited and which remains a restricted location.

In addition to the above requirements, to be an unexposed vessel, the vessel must not have done any of the following things:

- embarked an exposed on-board worker or exposed maritime crew member or exposed rig or platform crew member (unless they only undertook a compliant transfer); or
- embarked a person who in the 14 days prior to embarking had been to a place outside of Australia (other than New Zealand); or
- embarked a person who has been in a location that was a restricted location in the 14 days prior to the person embarking the vessel and which remains a restricted location; or
- had any person on board who was a confirmed case of COVID-19 while on board the vessel

## Directions

If you board an **exposed vessel** (e.g. as a maritime crew member, rig or platform crew member or on-board worker) or you transport people who have been on an exposed vessel (e.g. transport worker) there are strict protocols you must follow.

Details on your obligations can be found in the following Directions that relate to exposed vessels:

- Maritime Crew Member Directions - [www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/maritime-crew-member-directions](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/maritime-crew-member-directions);
- Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions - [www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/rig-or-platform-crew-member-directions](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/rig-or-platform-crew-member-directions);
- Exposed On-board Worker Directions - [www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/exposed-board-worker-directions](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/exposed-board-worker-directions); and
- Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions - [www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/transport-and-accommodation-services-exposed-maritime-worker-directions](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/transport-and-accommodation-services-exposed-maritime-worker-directions)

## Fact sheets

Several fact sheets have been developed to summarise the Directions above. They are available at: [https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Corporate/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-information-for-business-and-industry](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Corporate/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-information-for-business-and-industry)

The information provided in this factsheet is intended as a summary only. To see a complete definition of a vessel or unexposed vessel, please visit links to the Directions above.

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