

COVID-19 MEETING & EVENT RESTRICTIONS

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CAPACITY & GATHERING RESTRICTIONS*

FURTHER INFORMATION

South Australia - Adelaide

The total number of people at a place must not exceed 1 person per 2sqm indoor and outdoor spaces

- No maximum capacity restrictions for indoor meetings provided there is a COVID Safe Plan and an average of 1 person per 2sqm
- For events of 1000+ people a COVID Management Plan is required
- Private functions at licensed premises are restricted to 200 people - 1 person per 2sqm in a designated area with no public access and COVID Safe Plan required. Standing consumption is allowed indoors and outdoors
- COVID marshal required for all events

- SA State Government – [covid-19.sa.gov.au](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au)
- Adelaide Convention Bureau - adelaideconvention.com.au/COVIDSAFE
- Adelaide Convention Centre - adelaidecc.com.au/covid

Queensland - Brisbane, The Gold Coast & Cairns

No maximum capacity restrictions except compliance approvals required for differing group sizes and an average of 1 person per 2sqm

- 1 person per 2sqm for both indoor and outdoor events
- Indoor events – seated ticketed venues 100% capacity with patrons encouraged to wear masks on entry and exit
- Outdoor events – ≤ 1500 with a COVID Safe Event check list
- Indoor events – ≤ 500 with a COVID Safe Event check list
- 1500+ people outdoors and 500+ indoors require a COVID Safe Event Plan approved by the local Public Health Unit
- 10,000+ require a COVID Safe Event Plan and approval by the Queensland Chief Health Officer
- Open Stadiums – 100% seated capacity with a COVID Safe Plan

- QLD State Government - [covid19.qld.gov.au](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au)
- COVID-Safe Events - [covid19.qld.gov.au](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au)
- Brisbane Economic Development Agency – choosebrisbane.com.au/covid-19-information
- Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre – [Safe Event Guideline](https://www.brisbanecentre.com.au/safe-event-guideline)
- Destination Gold Coast - [destinationgoldcoast.com/covid-19](https://www.destinationgoldcoast.com/covid-19)
- Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre - [gccec.com.au](https://www.gccec.com.au)
- Business Events Cairns & Great Barrier Reef - [businesseventscairns.org.au](https://www.businesseventscairns.org.au)
- Cairns Convention Centre - [cairnsconvention.com.au](https://www.cairnsconvention.com.au)
- Queensland Government – [Industry Framework COVID safe events](https://www.qld.gov.au/industry-framework-covid-safe-events)

Australian Capital Territory - Canberra

1 person per 4sqm of usable space (excluding staff) for indoor/outdoor space if [Check in CBR App](#) used, to a maximum of 500 people for each space. Limit reduces to 1 person per 4sqm indoors if app is not used.

- All businesses and venues can have at least 25 people across their entire venue (excluding staff)
- Indoor spaces – patrons must be seated if consuming alcohol
- Large indoor seated venues – ticketed events up to 65% capacity, up to 1500 people and COVID Safe Plan required
- Organisers for events for between 201 and 500 people are required to notify ACT Health and submit their COVID Safe plan.
- Events over 500 will need an exemption in accordance with the [COVID Safe Event Protocol](#)

- ACT State Government - [covid19.act.gov.au](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au)
- Canberra Convention Centre - [nccc.com.au/covid-19](https://www.nccc.com.au/covid-19)
- Canberra Convention Bureau – [canberraconvention.com.au](https://www.canberraconvention.com.au)

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- Enclosed outdoor venues with permanent tiered seating/grandstands, ticketed events up to 65% capacity up to 1500 people and COVID Safe Plan required
- GIO Stadium and Manuka Oval – up to 65% seated capacity and COVID Safe Plan required

Northern Territory - Darwin, Alice Springs & Uluru

No maximum capacity restrictions however, there are varying compliance approvals based on the size of the event; and a recommendation to keep 1.5m physical distance

- <100 people – must consider physical distancing and hygiene principles
 - 100 – 500 people – must complete COVID-19 safety checklist; may be required to comply with additional legislative requirements, seek advice from the Local Environmental Health Office
 - 500+ people – must submit a COVID-19 Event Safety Plan for approval from the Chief Health Officer
- NT State Government - [coronavirus.nt.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.nt.gov.au)
 - NT Business Events - [tourismnt.com.au/covid-19](https://www.tourismnt.com.au/covid-19)
 - Darwin Convention Centre - [darwinconvention.com.au](https://www.darwinconvention.com.au)

Tasmania - Hobart

Maximum of 250 people (indoor) / 1000 people (outdoor) with 1 person per 2sqm (whichever is lesser)

- All venues must allow an average of 2sqm per person
 - Maximum number includes staff, volunteers, children and babies
 - Standing and drinking alcohol and/or dancing is permitted in premises with a liquor licence or liquor permit up to a maximum of 100 people in indoor spaces and 250 people in outdoor spaces, within current density requirements.
 - Event managers should consult the [COVID-Safe Event Framework](#) for events greater than 250 persons
- TAS State Government - [coronavirus.tas.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)
 - COVID-Safe Event Framework - [business.tas.gov.au](https://www.business.tas.gov.au)
 - Hobart Convention & Exhibition Centre - [hcegrandchancellor.com](https://www.hcegrandchancellor.com)

Victoria - Melbourne

Events can be held in various settings, including hotels, museums, restaurants and dedicated conference facilities. Restrictions applied to each event depends on the setting in which it takes place

- COVIDSafe Summer Restrictions apply across Victoria
 - Hospitality – 1 person per 2sqm if using electronic record keeping otherwise 1 person per 4 sqm if manual record keeping being used. A venue can hold up to 25 patrons before density limits apply.
 - Indoor venues – up to 75% seated capacity per space up to a maximum of 1000 people. 1 person per 2sqm if using electronic record keeping otherwise 1 person per 4 sqm if manual record keeping being used. Venues with capacity over 500 must publish COVID Safe Plan
 - Outdoor venues – up to 75% seated capacity per space up to a maximum of 1000 people. No density requirement in seated areas. 1 person per 2sqm in other areas and non-
- VIC State Government – [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)
 - VIC State Government Public Events Framework - [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)
 - Melbourne Convention Bureau – [melbournecb.com.au/coronavirus](https://www.melbournecb.com.au/coronavirus)
 - Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre - [mcec.com.au/venuesafe](https://www.mcec.com.au/venuesafe)

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- Public events may occur in accordance with the Public Events Framework, currently up to 5,000 people seated
- Eased restrictions for sport, recreation, and ceremonies

Western Australia - Perth

No maximum capacity restrictions, provided there is 1 person per 2sqm (excludes major facilities and selected venues)

- Major facilities – up to 50% capacity
- Selected venues that predominantly hold seated events are exempt from 2sqm rule - theatres, concert halls, auditoriums/amphitheatres, cinemas, comedy lounges, performing art centres. Up to 60% of the fixed seating capacity or (if it is higher) as many as would be allowed under the 2sqm rule
- WA State Government – wa.gov.au
- Business Events Perth – businesseventspertth.com
- Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre – pcec.com.au

New South Wales - Sydney

Greater Sydney - Maximum 300 persons indoors, provided there is 1 person per 4sqm (excludes major facilities/controlled outdoor events which are subject to different restrictions)

Northern Beaches – see NSW State Government COVID-19 Restrictions.

- Controlled outdoor events – 1 person per 2sqm of publicly accessible space up to 2000 people. COVID Safety Plans are mandatory
- Hospitality venues/function centres/tradeshows and exhibitions – maximum number of people permitted is 1 person per 4sqm of publicly accessible space indoors, 1 person per 2sqm outdoors. Up to 25 people permitted before this rule applies. Electronic Check-in and COVID Safety Plans are mandatory
- Major facilities – indoors must not exceed 75% of seated capacity or 1 person per 4sqm of space, whichever is the greater. Outdoors – 100% of seated capacity. Unstructured seating areas must not exceed 1 person per 2sqm. Electronic Check-in and COVID Safety Plans are mandatory
- NSW State Government – nsw.gov.au/covid-19
- Business Events Sydney – besydney.com.au
- ICC Sydney – iccsydney.com.au

**Capacity and gathering restrictions are correct at the time of publishing and are intended to provide a high level overview of the varying restrictions across Australia. Visit the State/Territory websites provided to access the most up-to-date information and for further details.*