



# Curfew Dispensation Report

Report 05 2025



**GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/07/2025 – 24/08/2025**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 6 August 2025

Operator: QantasLink

Flight Number: QF1507

Aircraft: A220

Registration: VH-X4E

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** QantasLink flight QF1507 (Sydney to Hobart) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to ground operation delays. An aerobridge malfunction prevented passenger boarding. The aircraft had to wait for another aircraft to depart before it could be towed to a working aerobridge for passengers to board. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. QF1507 had 88 passengers including 2 unaccompanied minors, 1 wheelchair-bound passenger and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:23 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 7 August 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ421

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-A5C

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ421 (Gold Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a boarding delay. Before take-off, the aircraft was required to return to bay to offload an unwell passenger and their luggage. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. JQ421 had 168 passengers including 7 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:17 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 7 August 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JST789

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFD

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ789 (Sunshine Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft reported a defect in the left 2 fuselage door, and an engineer had to travel from Brisbane to complete the repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JST789 had 161 passengers including 14 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:52 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 7 August 2025

Operator: China Airways

Flight Number: CAL52

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-18901

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** China Airlines flight CL52 (Sydney to Taipei) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. A failure with the stand-by fuel pump required replacement parts and testing, causing the delay. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. CAL52 had 263 passengers and 15 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:56 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 12 August 2025

Operator: Air India

Flight Number: AI301

Aircraft: B787

Registration: VT-ANY

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Air India flight AI301 (Sydney to Delhi) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. After the aircraft was boarded, an engine leak was reported which required all passengers to be disembarked. Engineers attended the aircraft for repairs and testing. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:50 local time. AI301 had 247 passengers including 29 wheelchair-bound passengers and 17 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:45 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 August 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZH

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. Before departing from Perth Airport, a control defect was reported on the aircraft requiring an alternate inbound aircraft to be used for the flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF652 had 162 passengers including, 2 children and 6 crew, and 17kg of blood products on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:26 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 18 August 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: A330

Registration: VH-QPE

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. While preparing for departure, an integrated generator drive fault was detected which required an engineer to troubleshoot and repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF652 had 100 passengers, including 1 hearing impaired passenger and 11 crew, and 21kg of blood products on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:23 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

**REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/07/2025 – 24/08/2025**

There were no refused dispensations for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport during this period.

Note: This Dispensation Report records all dispensations that are formally approved or refused. The Delegates regularly receive questions by phone from airlines about whether a dispensation is likely to be approved if an application is made.

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**GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/07/2025 – 24/08/2025****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 4 August 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1938

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UYW

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airlines flight QF1938 (Adelaide to Brisbane) was delayed departing Adelaide Airport due to boarding delays in the previous sector. The previous sector flight (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed due to a security screening failure that required a full terminal evacuation and rescreening of all passengers. A dispensation was granted for departure no later than 23:30 local time. QF1938 had 50 passengers and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:29 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

**Reasons for Approval:** The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #05/2025**

**GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/07/2025 – 24/08/2025**

There were no approved dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.



**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT #05/2025**

**GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/07/2025 – 24/08/2025**

There were no approved dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period.

**REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/07/2025 – 24/08/2025**

There were no refused dispensations for Adelaide Airport during this period.

**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #05/2025**

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There were no refused dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.

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