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Curfew Dispensation Report

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APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (Kingsford Smith) AIRPORT #09/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 4/11/2025 – 23/11/2025

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 9 November 2025

Operator: China Airlines

Flight Number: CI52

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-18912

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: China Airlines flight CI52 (Sydney to Taipei) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft reported a hydraulic leak that required engineering assessment and repair, with further delays occurred during passenger boarding. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. CI52 had 283 passengers including one on a stretcher and 15 crew onboard. The aircraft departed at 23:10 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: 13 November 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA898

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUW

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA898 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to ground operation delays. After aircraft pushback, a Notice To All Airmen (NOTAM) was issued for Melbourne Airport advising unexpected airborne traffic delays for all arriving aircraft, VA898 then returned to the gate for more fuel. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. VA898 had 182 passengers including 2 requiring wheelchair assistance, 1 unaccompanied minor and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft departed 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 November 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA897

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YFC

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA897 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to boarding delays.

Two passengers failed to board, they did not have any checked baggage, but the passenger manifest had to be reissued delaying departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. VA897 had 175 passengers and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 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 November 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-OGB

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management limitations.

The aircraft was refused pushback from gate due to an IT outage with Airservices Australia's systems affected the processing of flight plans by the Air Traffic Controllers (ATC).

The flight was unable to depart Perth Airport until the ATC had completed their flight plan processing manually. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF652 had 131 passengers including 2 children accompanied with carers and 7 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:32 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 November 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA562

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YVD

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA562 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management limitations. An IT outage with Airservices Australia's systems affected the processing of flight plans by the ATC. The flight was unable to depart Perth Airport until the ATC had completed their flight plan processing manually. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. VA562 had 166 passengers including 1 infant, 7 passengers requiring wheelchair assistance and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:51 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: 22 November 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OIR

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft reported a weather radar failure, that required engineers to review and repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. JQ987 had 211 passengers including 7 children, 1 infant and 7 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:20 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (Kingsford Smith) AIRPORT #09/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 04/11/2025 – 23/11/2025

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: 4/11/2025 – 23/11/2025**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 14 November 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1939

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-XVO

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airlines flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft's autopilot system reported an error, that required an engineering inspection and repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF1939 had 85 passengers including 1 infant and 4 crew onboard. 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: 15 November 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ768

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ768 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault. An aircraft swap was required after high oil consumption by an engine was identified. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ768 had 174 passengers including 5 children, 2 infants, 2 passengers requiring wheelchair assistance and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived 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.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 18 November 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ782

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFL

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ782 (Melbourne to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to air traffic management limitations.

An IT outage with Airservices Australia's systems affected the processing of flight plans by the ATC. The flight was unable to depart Melbourne Airport until the ATC had completed their flight plan processing manually. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ782 had 126 passengers including 4 children, 1 infant, 1 passenger requiring wheelchair assistance and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:20 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: 23 November 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: VA1407

Aircraft: F100

Registration: VH-UQW

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airlines flight VA1407 (Adelaide to Brisbane) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to delays in the previous sector. The previous sector (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed in departure due to air traffic management of tactical hold and release of flights by the ATC due to unforeseen weather. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:20 local time. VA1407 had 89 passengers and 4 crew onboard. The aircraft departed 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.

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #09/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 04/11/2025 – 23/11/2025

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

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT #09/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 04/11/2025 – 23/11/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – ADELAIDE AIRPORT

#09/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 04/11/2025 – 23/11/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #09/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 04/11/2025 – 23/11/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS #09/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 04/11/2025 – 23/11/2025

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

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