

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 11/09/2023 – 15/10/2023**

**SYDNEY AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 12 September 2023

Aircraft: B787

Registration: G-ZBKE

Operator: British Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** British Airways flight BA15 (London-Singapore-Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering issues in London, resulting in a shortened turn-around time to make the Heathrow curfew on the return flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no earlier than 05:30 local time. BA15 had 200 passengers and 12 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 05:30 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 19 September 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQH

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ421 (Gold Coast to Sydney) was delayed departing Gold Coast Airport due to a disabled aircraft blocking one of the runways. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 00:00 local time. JQ421 had 179 passengers including 1 infant and 8 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:49 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 24 September 2023

Aircraft: B787

Registration: G-ZBKE

Operator: British Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** British Airways flight BA15 (London-Singapore-Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to the aircraft experiencing an engineering issue immediately prior to departure from London, which could not be resolved prior to the commencement of the London curfew. This resulted in a shortened turn-around time to make the Heathrow curfew on the return flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no earlier than 05:40 local time. BA15 had 219 passengers including 12 crew on-board. The aircraft landed at 05:40 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 24 September 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQK

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ532 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a generator fault after start up. Accommodation in Melbourne was scarce due to school holidays and football finals. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ532 had 170 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:54 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 24 September 2023

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFY

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ141 (Sydney to Raratonga) was delayed taking-off at Sydney Airport due to cargo being incorrectly loaded. As such, the cargo needed to be unloaded, the containers rearranged and then re-loaded. A dispensation was granted for departure no later than 23:15 local time. JQ141 had 232 passengers and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft took-off at 23:08 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 26 September 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFD

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ750 (Launceston to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering issues regarding a transfer valve. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ750 had 111 passengers including 9 children, 1 infant, 1 wheelchair user, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:36 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 26 September 2023

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFY

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ141 (Sydney to Raratonga) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to congestion on tarmac and delays in loading aircraft catering. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. JQ141 had 230 passengers including 16 children and 2 wheelchair users, and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:42 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 September 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZR

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF498 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed departing Melbourne Airport due to an engine issue. No alternative aircraft were available and extremely limited accommodation was available due to school holidays and the AFL Grand Final. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF498 had 146 passengers and 6 crew on board. The aircraft landed at 23:17 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 September 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGZ

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ750 (Launceston to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to unexpected and extensive congestion at Sydney Airport due to an aircraft breakdown on the secondary runway. Jetstar advised there was minimal accommodation available in Launceston this evening with insufficient rooms available for all passengers. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:25 local time. JQ750 had 173 passengers and 7 crew on board. The aircraft landed at 23:20 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 September 2023

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWX

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ825 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to unexpected and extensive congestion at Sydney Airport due to an aircraft breakdown on the secondary runway. Jetstar advised that there is minimal accommodation available in Brisbane this evening with insufficient rooms available for all passengers. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ825 had 230 passengers, including 9 infants and 1 visually impaired passenger, and 7 crew on board. The aircraft landed at 23:20 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 September 2023

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWX

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ825 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to unexpected and extensive congestion at Sydney Airport due to an aircraft breakdown on the secondary runway. Jetstar advised that there was minimal accommodation available in Brisbane this evening with insufficient rooms available for all passengers. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ825 had 230 passengers, including 9 infants and 1 visually impaired passenger, and 7 crew on board. The aircraft landed at 23:20 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 September 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXO

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF557 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to unexpected and extensive congestion at Sydney Airport due to an aircraft breakdown on the secondary runway. Qantas advised that there was minimal accommodation available in Brisbane this evening due to school holidays along with AFL and NRL finals. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF557 had 157 passengers and 7 crew on board. The aircraft landed at 23:08 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 1 October 2023

Aircraft: A737

Registration: VH-XZB

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF748 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to delays during both push-back and taxi time as part of departure from Adelaide. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:10 local time. QF748 had 166 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:02 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 5 October 2023

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWT

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ959 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to technical issues. Jetstar advised that accommodation was limited and scattered in Cairns that evening. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:35 local time. JQ959 had 228 passengers including 27 children and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft landed at 23:27 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 5 October 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYL

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF748 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to 3 passengers failing to board prior to departure from Adelaide. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF748 had 124 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft landed at 23:05 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 5 October 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-YXQ

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ420 (Sydney to Gold Coast) was delayed departing Sydney Airport due to an intoxicated passenger and their bag needing to be removed from the flight. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:40 local time. JQ420 had 173 passengers including 9 children, 2 wheelchair users, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:33 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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



## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 5 October 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-XZL

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF497 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing Sydney Airport due to a failed to board passenger requiring baggage removal. Accommodation was limited due to other flight cancellations out of Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. QF497 had 172 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:40 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 5 October 2023

Aircraft: A330

Registration: VH-EBA

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF499 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing Sydney Airport due to an engine thrust reverser defect requiring engineering checks/rectification for safe dispatch of the aircraft. Accommodation was limited in Sydney due to significant cancellations earlier in the day. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. QF499 had 266 passengers and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:41 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 10 October 2023

Aircraft: A330

Registration: VH-EBC

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed departing Perth Airport due to engineering problems with alternate break hydraulic check requiring an aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 00:20 local time. QF652 had 178 passengers including 3 infants and 1 wheelchair user, and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 00:15 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 12 October 2023

Aircraft: B767

Registration: VH-XQU

Operator: Tasman Cargo Airlines

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Tasman Cargo Airlines flight HJ002 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing at Sydney Airport due to air traffic and poor weather conditions at Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:20 local time. HJ002 was a cargo flight with 2 crew on-board and special cargo of radioactive isotopes used for cancer treatments. The aircraft departed at 23:19 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **REFUSED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 11/09/2023 – 15/10/2023**

**There were no refused dispensations for Sydney Airport during this period.**

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 11/09/2023 – 15/10/2023**

**ADELAIDE AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 21 September 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXM

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to engineering issues in the previous sector (Brisbane to Sydney) that required an aircraft change. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:35 local time. QF749 had 104 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:29 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 24 September 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-XSJ

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ680 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed departing Hobart Airport due to a passenger failing to board with two bags needing to be offloaded along with a wind screen inspection. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ680 had 171 passengers including 3 children, 1 infant and 1 passenger requiring special requirement, along with 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:06 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 25 September 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUG

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA1404 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed departing Brisbane Airport due to engineering inspection and action undertaken to fix a hydraulic leak. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:25 local time. VA1404 had 129 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:03 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 September 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-XNI

Operator: Jetstar Australia

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ766 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed departing Sydney Airport due to a mechanical fault. There were 175 passengers including 1 infant and 1 wheelchair user, and 8 crew on board. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 1 October 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQH

Operator: Jetstar Australia

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ766 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a fail to board passenger at Sydney Airport that required the removal of checked luggage. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ766 had 176 passengers including 1 infant, 4 children, and 2 wheelchair users, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 2 October 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXB

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed departing Sydney Airport due to ground operations that delayed refuelling before departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF749 had 128 passengers including 6 crew on-board and 18kg of medical supplies. The aircraft arrived at 23:05 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 2 October 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YFH

Operator: Virgin Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA583 (Canberra to Adelaide) was delayed departing Canberra Airport due to the aircraft requiring a full Auxiliary Power Unit restart. Further delays were encountered en-route to avoid a weather event. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. VA583 had 66 passengers including and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:15 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 3 October 2023

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UYB

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airlines flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to delays in previous sector due to difficulties disembarking a passenger with limited mobility. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:10 local time. QF1939 had 63 passengers and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:09 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 7 October 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGF

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ766 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to delays from the preceding sector due to a bay shortage at the Sydney Airport terminal. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. JQ766 had 179 passengers including 2 infants, 20 children, 2 wheelchair users, and 1 requiring assistance. 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:04 local time.

**Approved:**       **Yes**

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



## APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

### INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 11/09/2023 – 15/10/2023

#### GOLD COAST AIRPORT

##### DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 26 September 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQA

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ420 (Sydney to Gold Coast) was delayed arriving at Gold Coast Airport due to unforeseen weather at Sydney the need to avoid airspace at Gold Coast. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ420 had 181 passengers including 26 children and 3 infants, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:05 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

##### DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 5 October 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-YXQ

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar flight JQ420 (Sydney to Gold Coast) was delayed arriving at Gold Coast Airport due to an intoxicated passenger and their bag needing to be removed from the flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. JQ420 had 173 passengers including 9 children, 2 wheelchair users, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft landed at 23:35 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

**ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT**

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

**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 11/09/2023 – 15/10/2023**

**ADELAIDE AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 8 October 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZK

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) made a verbal request for curfew dispensation to land at Adelaide Airport at 23:25 local time. The Delegate was not satisfied that alternative arrangements could not be made for this flight and the Dispensation was refused.

**Approved:** No

**Reasons for not granting Dispensation:** The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances were met.

**GOLD COAST AIRPORT**

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

**ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT**

**There were no refused dispensations for Essendon Fields 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 given if an application is made.

Where the Delegate advises that an application is unlikely to be given if an application is made, airlines do not generally make a formal application.

These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.