

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS****INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 03/02/2025 – 24/03/2025****SYDNEY AIRPORT****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 6 February 2025

Operator: Cathay Pacific Airways

Flight Number: CX138

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-LXG

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) was delayed departing from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (Sydney) due engineering requirements. In the previous sector, a hydraulic leak was report requiring a return to the gate for engineering repairs, delaying departure from Hong Kong and arrival into Sydney. The airline was unable to secure sufficient accommodation for passengers. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:40 local time. CX138 had 271 passengers and 15 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:34 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: 6 February 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA898

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YID

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA898 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. Engineering repairs were required on the Crew Oxygen system. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:35 local time. VA898 had 170 passengers including 1 wheelchair user 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 11 February 2025

Operator: Scoot Airways

Flight Number: TR21

Aircraft: B787

Registration: 9V-OFJ

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Scoot Airways flight TR21 (Sydney to Singapore) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. Engineering repairs were required on the aircraft's Ground Power Unit before departure could be approved. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TR21 had 324 passengers and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:22 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 February 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZZ

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to boarding delays at Perth Airport. 2 passengers failed-to-board, requiring baggage removal and difficulties with airbridge retraction. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF652 had 152 passengers and 6 crew on-board with cargo including 18kg of live human organs. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 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 February 2025

Operator: Texel Air Australasia

Flight Number: TFX22

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXB

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Texel Air Australasia flight TFX22 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. A reverser thrust fault was detected after push-back, requiring a return to gate for engineering repairs. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. TFX22 was a cargo flight with 2 crew on-board with freight including medical supplies and radioactive cancer isotopes for regional centres. The aircraft departed at 23:24 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: 21 February 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ957

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWU

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to Air Traffic Management limitations at Cairns Airport. The aircraft was boarded and ready for departure, but closure of airspace around NSW required additional fuelling and new flight plan documentations. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. JQ957 had 226 passengers including 14 children, 2 infants, 2 passengers requiring special assistance and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived 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: 22 February 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ899

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFV

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ899 (Busselton Margaret River to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to ground operation delays at Busselton Margaret River Airport. The flight was delayed due to fuelling problems, and then returning to gate to seek permission to land at Sydney during the curfew period. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ899 had 139 passengers including 7 children and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:47 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 February 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ957

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWW

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. The aircraft required repairs on the Auxiliary Power Unit before departure from Cairns Airport could be approved. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ957 had 207 passengers including 9 children, 1 infant, 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:08 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: 25 February 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK417

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EEF

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Emirates flight EK417 (Sydney to Dubai) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. Hydraulic pumps for engines 3 and 4 were reporting faults, requiring engineering repairs, delaying boarding and departure paperwork submissions. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:25 local time. EK417 had 326 passengers including 15 wheelchair users, 10 children, 6 infants, 2 passengers requiring assistance, 1 vision impaired passenger and 28 crew on-board with cargo including 10 containers of perishable meat. The aircraft departed at 23:18 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: 27 February 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA879

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YIH

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA879 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. An engine bleed was reported during pre-flight inspections requiring repairs with further delays caused by failed engine start and the pressure and air conditioning systems fault both needing maintenance. A crew swap was also required because of the aircraft delays. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. VA879 had 140 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:24 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: 28 February 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ769

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWN

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ769 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. Engineering repairs were required due to a fault reported on the anti-ice Pitot tube. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ769 had 233 passengers including 9 children, 4 infants, 1 wheelchair user and 7 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## **DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 6 March 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK414

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EUJ

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Emirates flight EK414 (Dubai to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to boarding delays. A passenger experienced a medical emergency, and was offloaded. There were further delays as the aircraft was held by the ATC for a new departure slot. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. EK414 had 300 passengers including 11 wheelchair users, 8 children, 2 infants and 29 crew on-board with cargo including perishable goods. 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: 8 March 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF104

Aircraft: B787

Registration: VH-ZNJ

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF104 (Honolulu to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. A mechanical fault with the First Officers windscreen wiper and motor, requiring replacement for both items. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. QF104 had 233 passengers and 14 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:37 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: 10 March 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ957

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWN

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. The aircraft returned to gate after the anti-icing probe reported failure and an engineer replace the device. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ957 had 219 passengers including 10 children and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:22 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: 20 March 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWX

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering requirements. An engineering inspection was needed to clear flight control message, the flight was further delayed due the offloading of an intoxicated passenger. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ987 had 206 passengers including 9 children, 1 infant and 7 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 23 March 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF2

Aircraft: A380

Registration: VH-OQA

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF2 (Singapore to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to boarding delays at Singapore Airport. Departure was delayed due to a fail-to-board passenger, who was then later located halting the disembarking process. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF2 had 363 passengers including 1 wheelchair user, 1 unaccompanied minor and 25 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.



**INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 03/02/2025 – 24/03/2025**

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

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ADELAIDE AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 17 February 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ780

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGY

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ780 (Melbourne to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to boarding delays at Melbourne Airport. A passenger in fell down boarding stairs in the previous sector during disembarking and required an ambulance to be called. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. JQ780 had 176 passengers including 1 child, 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board. 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: 17 February 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ768

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-A5C

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ768 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to boarding delays at Sydney Airport. The previous sector had delayed arrival at Sydney Airport due to 5 fail-to-board passengers requiring luggage removal, aerobridge congestion and late arriving catering services. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. JQ768 had 155 passengers including 1 child, 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew 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.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 21 February 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1939

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-XVP

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airlines flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to Air Traffic Management limitations at Brisbane Airport. A Traffic Information Broadcast by Aircraft procedures was enacted by the Air Traffic Control and a new flight plan was required to be submitted before departure could be approved. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:10 local time. QF1939 had 67 passengers and 4 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 8 March 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ111

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFV

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ111 (Perth to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to air traffic management limitations in the previous sector. The previous sector flight from Denpasar to Perth was delayed due to non-function aircraft stuck on Denpasar runway, delaying airport operations. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ111 had 130 passengers including 7 children, 3 infants, 2 wheelchair users, 1 passenger requiring special assistance and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:47 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: 10 March 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ780

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQJ

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ780 (Melbourne to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to engineering requirements. Aircraft required both nose wheels required to be changed prior to departure from Melbourne. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ780 had 176 passengers including 4 children, 2 passengers requiring special assistance 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 19 March 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1953

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UYW

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airlines flight QF1953 (Darwin to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to adverse weather conditions at Darwin Airport. Weather conditions of large local storms affected both the previous sector arrival and this flights departure from Darwin Airport. Alliance Airlines advised they were not able to accommodate all passengers. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:50 local time. QF1953 had 66 passengers and 4 crew on-board with cargo including blood products. The aircraft arrived at 23:24 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: 20 March 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA722

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUS

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA722 (Perth to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to boarding delays at Perth Airport. Passenger suffered a medical event during the boarding process that required treatment and delaying departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. VA722 had 152 passengers including 2 infants, 1 child 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

## DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 21 March 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1953

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-XVL

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airways flight QF1953 (Darwin to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to engineering requirements. Aircraft report technical issues with both auto pilot and heavy ailerons, both requiring an engineering inspection and repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF1953 had 86 passengers including 2 wheelchair users, 1 passenger with special medical requirements and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:11 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: 21 March 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1939

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UZH

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airways flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to Air Traffic Management limitations. There was reduced capacity to manage the airspace between Gold Coast and Inverell, extending flight time for aircraft using this route. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:25 local time. QF1939 had 75 passengers and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:07 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

**GOLD COAST AIRPORT**

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

**ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT**

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



**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 03/02/2025 – 24/03/2025**

**ADELAIDE AIRPORT**

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

**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.

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