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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
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# Curfew Dispensation Report

Report 07 2026

May 2026

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (KINGSFORD SMITH) AIRPORT #07/2026**

**GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/03/2026 – 18/05/2026**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 14 April 2026

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ113

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYQ

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ113 (Sydney to Avarua) requested a dispensation to return to Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport during the curfew period due to an engineering fault. The aircraft departed Sydney at 21:46 local time, but experienced a fault with engine fuel clogging indicator, this created a risk of engine shutdown, a return to Sydney was requested. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:55 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 April 2026

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH141

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MNP

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Malaysia Airlines flight MH141 (Kuala Lumpur to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft reported an engine bleed valve notification which required an engineering inspection and repairs. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 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: 25 April 2026

Operator: Qantas Airways

Flight Number: QF75

Aircraft: B787

Registration: VH-ZNE

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas Airways flight QF75 (Sydney to Vancouver) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. After boarding had completed, an error with the Aircraft Satellite Communication was reported. The required repairs were completed, and an updated flight plan was required to be lodged. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 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: 30 April 2026

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYU

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to lavatory water leak that was identified during departure preparations. An engineering inspection and part replacement was completed. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:35 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: 4 May 2026

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYU

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. During pre-flight inspection, it was reported that paint was missing from the aircraft's nose cone, requiring an engineering assessment in Perth, prior to departure, to assess for any potential further damage. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 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 May 2026

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ524

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFL

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ524 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. After push-back from gate, the aircraft reported faults with the air conditioning system and related pressure valve. The aircraft returned to the gate for passenger disembarkation, for engineering inspection, repairs and engine system testing. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 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 May 2026

Operator: China Airlines

Flight Number: CI52

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-18915

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. After push-back from the gate, the aircraft reported faults with flight controls and hydraulics. The aircraft returned to gate for engineering inspection, repairs and an aircraft system reboot. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 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 #07/2026**

**REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 30/03/2026 – 18/05/2026**

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.

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

These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.