



**Exemption under the *Public Health (COVID-19 Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021* under the *Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)***

I, Brad Hazzard, Minister for Health and Medical Research, under clause 25 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021* (Order), hereby grant the following exemptions to that Order:

- 1) An Emergency Worker, and the employer of the Worker, is exempt from clause 24C of the Order if:
  - a. The Emergency Worker's usual workplace is located in Greater Sydney and the Emergency Worker travels outside of Greater Sydney in the course of their duties.

*Note: as a result of clause 1, an Emergency Worker who is stationed in Greater Sydney but attends an emergency call out outside of Greater Sydney is not required to be tested for COVID-19 every 7 days.*

- 2) An Emergency Worker is exempt from clause 24B(2) of the Order subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The Worker must be tested for COVID-19 before 21 July 2021, and
  - b. The Worker must be tested for COVID-19 at least every 7 days after 21 July 2021, and
  - c. The Worker must provide evidence of their test to their employer and a police officer on request.
- 3) The employer of the Emergency Worker is exempt from clause 24B(3) subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The employer must not permit the Worker to enter, or remain at, the premises unless the Worker is tested for COVID-19 in accordance with clause 2 above.

*Note: as a result of clauses 2 and 3, an Emergency Worker who resides in Fairfield local government area, and works outside of Fairfield local government area, is only required to be tested every 7 days rather than every 72 hours.*

- 4) An Emergency Worker and their employer is exempt from clauses 24B and 24C of the Order if the Emergency Worker is required by their manager or employer to unexpectedly respond to an emergency and the Worker has not been able to be tested for COVID-19 in accordance with clause 2 of this exemption.

*Note: as a result of clause 4, if an Emergency Worker is required to unexpectedly respond to an emergency, the Order will not prevent the Worker from attending work even if the Worker has not been tested for COVID-19 in accordance with clause 2 of this exemption.*

In this exemption:

- Affected worker has the same meaning as Order
- The employer means the occupier of the premises where the affected worker or Greater Sydney worker is working
- Greater Sydney worker has the same meaning as Order



- An Emergency Worker means a person who works for an emergency services organisation within the meaning of the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 and includes a police officer, a member of the Ambulance Service of NSW and a member of Fire and Rescue NSW.



**Brad Hazzard MP**  
**Minister for Health and Medical Research**

Dated:

16/7/21