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Due to COVID-19, currently only Australian citizens and permanent residents are permitted to enter Australia. However, immediate families of Australian citizens or permanent residents with a temporary visa and skilled individuals in certain critical sectors can apply for an exemption from the current restrictions to enter the country.

Exemption Request

From **2 September 2020**, visa applicants or current visa holders who are working and/or sponsored in a Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL) may be eligible to request an exemption to enter Australia. There is no need to hold a current visa to lodge the exemption request.

To apply for a travel exemption applicants need to provide certain mandatory information to the Department and complete and pay for a mandatory 14-day quarantine period.

Next Steps

We can assist you with your application to the Department for a travel exemption if you are:

- an immediate family member of an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- a sponsored employee whose occupation is on the current PMSOL
- qualified and skilled in one or more of the following sectors:
- medical services (air ambulance, medical evacuation, delivering critical medical supplies)
- supply of essential goods and services (medical technology, critical infrastructure, telecommunications, engineering and mining, supply chain logistics, aged care, agriculture, primary industry, food production and the maritime industry)
- critical to Australia's economic recovery (fintech, manufacturing, film, media or emerging technology)
- religious or theology

Please contact our Migration team at **Matthews Folbigg Lawyers** on **9635 7966** to discuss how we can assist you to benefit from these opportunities.

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