



Embassy  
of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Canberra

### **Transit/Travel through the Federal Republic of Germany**

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Canberra hereby confirms that the following EU and German regulations currently apply for transiting/travelling through Germany to reach a traveler's home country:

1. **EU-Citizens and citizens of the United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, and their family members**, are allowed to transit/travel through Germany to reach their home country. They will also be allowed to enter Germany if their home or legal residence is in Germany.
2. **Third country nationals** (i.e. citizens of countries other than those mentioned in (1)) **who have a long-term right of residence** (residence permit or long-term visa) **in an EU Member State or the United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, and their family members**, are allowed to transit/travel through Germany to reach their home country.
3. **Other passengers** to whom (1) and (2) do not apply are allowed to transit/travel through Germany if:
  - they have an **“essential function”**, such as (a) Healthcare Professionals, Health Researchers and Elderly Care Professionals, b) Frontier Workers c) Transport Personell including Flight Crew engaged in haulage of goods and other transport staff to the extent necessary and d) Diplomats, staff of International Organisations, Military personnel in the exercise of their functions;
  - or**
  - they are **“transit passengers” on their way to their home country and no alternative travel connection exists and entry into their home country and transit through third countries, if applicable, is possible.**
- All travelers transiting/travelling through Germany to reach their home country are expected to present **proof of their onward journey** (passport plus, for example, valid bus/train/flight tickets/rental car bookings; registration certificates/residence permits if applicable) and/or their **“essential function”**.
- Travelers with connecting flights are expected to airside transit in Germany where possible and are generally not permitted to leave the airside transit area.



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- While there is no specified time limit, travelers transiting/travelling through Germany are expected to take the earliest possible or most direct route to leave the federal territory.
- Anyone who has entered the Federal Republic of Germany from another country, whether by land, sea or air, is required to remain in quarantine for 14 days. This requirement does not apply to people entering the Federal Republic of Germany for the sole purpose of transiting/traveling through Germany to reach their home country (as long as they are not showing any symptoms of COVID-19 infection).

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Canberra hereby confirms that the rules and regulations above reflect the legal situation and general possibility of transiting/travelling through Germany under current COVID-19 regulations.

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