

## Factsheet: New Vehicles and Vessels checklist 03.07.20

### What this checklist allows:

From Stage Three of the roadmap (i.e. **from Friday, 3 July**), tourism experiences may seat guests together during the tourism experience with eased social distancing (i.e. less than the one person per four square metres and the 1.5m social distancing) up to a maximum of 50 people. This is a similar allowance to airlines. Physical distancing of 1.5m should be in place at all other times possible.

### Who this applies to:

Tourism experiences that occur in any type of vehicle or vessel, including (but not limited to) *tours, trips, boat trips, charter boats, hot air balloons, scenic flights, bicycle tours, gondolas and bus tours* may have up to 50 people total at one time (including staff, crew, guests).

### Who this does not apply to:

#### *Vehicles/Vessels used as accommodation*

If any vehicle or vessel is being used as accommodation (e.g. overnight/liveaboard boat charters) this new option and checklist does not apply. These tourism experiences must follow the guidance for accommodation providers within the Queensland Tourism and Accommodation Industry COVID Safe Plan. Accommodation with shared facilities (e.g. bathrooms) must also continue to have a [Health Management Plan](#) in place.

#### *Vehicles/Vessels used for transporting for essential services*

Vehicles and Vessels transporting people for essential services operate under the same conditions as public transport, with social distancing where practical and special areas set aside for staff.

### What you need to do:

Tourism experiences taking up this option must complete and comply with the checklist that [appears with the updated Queensland Tourism and Accommodation Industry COVID Safe Plan](#).

While the checklist allows you to seat guests together without distancing, physical distancing of 1.5m should be in place at all other times possible e.g. for embarkation/disembarkation, lining up at check-in, when taking breaks off the vehicle or vessel for activities.

Patrons should be informed about the distancing arrangements throughout the tourism experience at the time of booking, or refunds offered to patrons who do not wish to proceed on the basis of physical distancing not being accommodated throughout the entire experience.

### Example:

Bill's Reef Tours operates a vessel that can normally seat 32 passengers.

By following the baseline restrictions for Stage Three of the roadmap, Bill's 40sqm boat can carry one person per four square metres, a total of 10 people.

By following the approved Industry Plan, Bill could seat household groups and individuals 1.5m apart from each other and carry the maximum number of guests that he can fit within those guidelines.

By following this new checklist, Bill can have up to 50 people on his boat – so the normal 32 passengers plus crew.

You must also continue to follow the basic 'must do' requirements:

- Current Work Health and Safety Plan in place.
- Collect information for all customers, workers and contractors and retain for 56 days to assist authorities in tracing infections if they occur.
- Increase cleaning and hygiene practices, especially on high-touch areas.

For more information on the basic requirements, [visit this webpage](#).

## What if I have additional capacity for more than 50 people?

Larger tourism experiences can still follow the provision of the [Queensland Tourism and Accommodation Industry COVID Safe Plan](#). The approved options within this plan allow for the unique circumstances of tourism experiences and allow operators to take the maximum number of guests possible on their tour, to meet with 1.5m physical distancing requirements. It is up to tourism operators to work out the best way to allocate seating in order to maximise capacity while also ensuring distancing between household groups of passengers.

## Questions?

If you have questions about this new checklist, you can contact:

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