

# Requirement to wear masks for airport staff

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All people aged 12 and older who are at a Tasmanian airport, or on an aircraft must wear a facemask.

This includes people who work in areas of the airport that are used for commercial flights.

**For example, facemasks must be worn if you work at:**

- check-in and bag-drop areas (including hire car services inside the airport)
- arrival and departure areas (including food and drink services)
- tarmac and flight services (including loading and unloading baggage)
- or on an aircraft that is at the airport, or in Tasmanian airspace

**You must wear a facemask at all times, unless:**

- eating, drinking or taking medicine;
- communicating with someone who has impaired hearing or who is deaf, and you need to show your mouth to communicate;
- wearing the mask would create a risk to your health or safety;
- having your mouth uncovered is an essential part of your employment or training;
- you need medical care that can't be given if you're wearing a facemask;
- you are asked to remove your facemask by a person in authority, to check your identity; or
- you are required by law to remove your facemask.

Put your facemask back on as soon as you can after taking it off for one of the above reasons.

Fines can be issued for non-compliance.

## Fitting a facemask:



Find the top and front of your mask and position over mouth and nose with front side facing outwards.



Hold your mask by the ear loops and place a loop around each ear. Alternatively, if your mask has ties, fasten ties or tapes at back of your head above and below your ears.

## Removing and disposing of mask:



With clean hands, hold both ear loops and lift and remove your mask. Alternatively, untie or break the ties at back of your head.



Only handle your mask by the ear loops or ties, then discard in appropriate waste.



Wash your hands with soap and warm running water.

Illustrations: Australian Government Department of Health

You don't have to wear a facemask if you work at a site that is not a terminal or associated flight area. Masks are not required if you work in an area separate from the terminal and closed to the public, i.e. you don't need to wear a facemask if you work at a hire car service, office or postal collection area that is not inside an airport terminal. Follow your organisation's COVID-19 Safety Plan to protect yourself, your workmates and the community.