



FOOTPLATE

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH / LOCOMOTIVE DIVISION

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Public Health Order Exemption: Mandatory Face Coverings

Members are advised of a recent exemption to the mandatory wearing of face masks on public transport issued by NSW Minister for Health Brad Hazzard MP.

The order states a person is exempt from wearing a mask if they:

1. *are at premises, at a public transport waiting area, or in a vehicle for the purposes [of] their employment or engagement; **AND***
2. *are not interacting directly with members of the public.*

This is limited to staff, contractors, volunteers, or workers at the premises.

This exemption is especially relevant to Locomotive Division members as it captures the Drivers Cab environment, meaning Drivers are not required to wear a face covering while in the Cab as they are not interacting with members of the public.

Members will still be required to comply with other elements of the health order by wearing a mask or face covering in paid transport areas including stations, platforms or whilst using public transport.

The Locomotive Division will continue to support health advice for the safety of our members and the traveling public.

Full health orders and exemptions can be found on the NSW Government Health website.

Should members have any questions please contact your local delegate or Locomotive Division Head Office.

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Authorised by ROBERT HAYDEN Divisional Secretary



Exemption under the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 under the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)

I, Brad Hazzard, Minister for Health and Medical Research, under clause 7 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 (the Order)*, hereby exempt an Exempt Person from clause 5(1) and clause 5(2) of the Order subject to the following conditions:

- a. the Exempt Person is at premises, at a public transport waiting area, or in a vehicle, for the purposes their employment or engagement; and
- b. the Exempt Person is not interacting directly with members of the public.

In this exemption:

- *Exempt Person* means staff, contractors, volunteers, and other workers employed or engaged at the Premises
- *Vehicle* includes a train or vessel, being used to provide a public transport service, including a taxi service, rideshare service or community transport service.

Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health and Medical Research

Dated: 21 January 2021

11.10 AM