



# **Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara**

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## **APY Lands Entry Permit Requirements**

### **Update**

**26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

If you are planning to enter the APY Lands you must follow these entry requirements:

- Be fully vaccinated with two doses: strictly **No Jab, No Entry**;
- Provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination status only from myGov;
- Complete an APY Permit application form;
- Complete a National Police check or Working with Children Check;
- Complete an APY Individual or Organisation Risk Assessment form;
- Complete an APY Health Record form 72 hours prior to entering the APY Lands;
- Anyone entering Australia from any international destination from the 25 October 2021, which is one month prior to the WHO announcement of the OMICRON Covid19 variant is not permitted entry onto the APY Lands;
- Travelers entering SA from Interstate, including returning South Australians will be required to provide evidence of the Approved EntryCheck SA, a copy of your approval is required by permits;
- Everyone is to provide evidence of a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) negative COVID-19 test result 72 hours prior to intended entry to the Lands, this testing must be undertaken from your departure city / township;
- Everyone must wear a mask for 7 days in all public spaces on the APY Lands after entry;
- APY Permits will assess applications with all the relevant required documentation within ten to fourteen days. APY is a small team with a big area of land to supervise and your patience is appreciated.

With respect to returning Anangu members<sup>1</sup> of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara to the APY Lands, APY seeks a Direction as follows:

- Be fully vaccinated with two doses: strictly No Jab, No Entry;
- Provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination status only from myGov;
- Provide evidence of the Approved EntryCheck SA to APY Permits;
- Provide evidence of a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) negative COVID-19 test; result 72 hours prior to intended entry to the Lands, this testing must be undertaken from your departure city / township;
- Everyone must wear a mask for 7 days in all public spaces on the APY Lands after entry.

APY is seeking a Direction from the Commissioner of Police, South Australia pursuant to the *Emergency Management Act 2004* South Australia with respect to these entry requirements.

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**Note 1:** For those travelling with children under 12 years and 1 month, the children will have the vaccination status of the parents / guardian/ adult/s. Over 12 years and 1 month will have to be vaccinated.

**Note 2:** For anyone planning on leaving the lands for a weekend or short break away off the Lands within SA and planning to re- enter, they must re-apply to enter the APY Lands with COVID test result and APY Health Assessment.

For those planning on leaving the lands and going Interstate they are required to re-apply though EntryCheck SA, provide a Covid Test Result and an APY Health Assessment.

**Note 3:** For persons approved to enter SA from the NT – the Stuart Highway at Marla is the primary approved entry point. Anyone entering the APY Lands from the NT via another route must contact the local SA Police station to advise their date and route of entry.

APY Permit forms can be found at: [www.anangu.com.au](http://www.anangu.com.au).

Please refer to the EntryCheck SA and Cross Border Travel- Associated Direction Entry into South Australia.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 4 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981* SA defines “Anangu” as “a person who is (a) a member of the Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara or Ngaanyatjarra people; and (b) a traditional owner of the lands, or a part of them.

[EntryCheck SA | SA.GOV.AU: COVID-19](#)

[EntryCheck SA - Assessment of LGA risk level | SA Health](#)

[https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/restrictions-on-movement-into-aboriginal-communities2?fbclid=IwAR2\\_g3bjZzYJmTBvJ6AlmLX0c4HcW\\_EE9cmSXUPOA09tqB3OTW24xIXWfKk](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/restrictions-on-movement-into-aboriginal-communities2?fbclid=IwAR2_g3bjZzYJmTBvJ6AlmLX0c4HcW_EE9cmSXUPOA09tqB3OTW24xIXWfKk)

### **COVID-19 Test results accepted by APY**

#### **Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)**

The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), which detects gene segments of the virus, which is highly sensitive and specific.

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#### **APY do Not accept:**

#### **Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)**

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) uses immunoassays to detect virus proteins and are less accurate. South Australia currently restricts the use of RAT for COVID-19 under the [Emergency Management \(Prohibition of Certain Point of Care Tests No 2\)\(COVID-19\) Direction 2021](#) and they may only be used in limited circumstances with approval from the Chief Public Health Officer.

For more information on testing please refer to:

[Testing for COVID-19 | SA Health](#)

If symptoms develop on arrival to the APY Lands, persons should immediately contact their nearest Nganampa Clinic to arrange urgent COVID-19 testing.

#### **Border restriction update**

Information on testing and quarantine requirements is available at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDinterstate](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDinterstate).