



LIN 25/059

## **Migration (Approval of Primary and Fall-back Reporting Systems—International Passenger Aircraft) Instrument 2025**

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I, Stephanie Foster, Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs, make the following instrument.

Dated 15 September 2025

Stephanie Foster PSM  
Secretary  
Department of Home Affairs



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## Part 1—Preliminary

### 1 Name

This instrument is the *Migration (Approval of Primary and Fall-back Reporting Systems—International Passenger Aircraft) Instrument 2025*.

### 2 Commencement

This instrument commences **on the day after it is registered.**

### 3 Authority

This instrument is made under the following provisions of the *Migration Act 1958*:

- (a) section 245J;
- (b) section 245K

### 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

**ABOC** means the Australian Border Operations Centre.

**Act** means the *Migration Act 1958*.

**Department** means the Department of Home Affairs, including the Australian Border Force.

**international passenger aircraft** has the meaning given by regulation 3.13 of the Regulations.

**Regulations** means the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

### 5 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Part 2—Primary and fall-back reporting systems for crew

### 6 Approval of primary reporting system—crew

For the purposes of section 245J of the Act, the following system is the approved primary reporting system for each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft:

- (a) the interactive Advance Passenger Information system called the Advance Passenger Processing System, as provided by C P S Systems Pty Ltd (ABN 64 000 965 551, ACN 000 965 551), part of the Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques Naamloze Vennootschap.

### 7 Information to be reported under primary reporting system—crew

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 245J(3) of the Act, the information set out in the following table is specified to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft who holds:
  - (a) an Australian passport;
  - (b) a New Zealand passport; or
  - (c) a travel document, other than an Australian or New Zealand passport, with a Crew Travel Authority as provided by the Department.

Item	Short Field Title	Description
1	Crew Type	The type of crew person, either: (C) Operating Crew; or (X) Positioning Crew.
2	Document Type	The type of travel document, either: (P) Passport; (O) Other; or (N) None.
3	Document Number	The assigned number of an official identification document issued by a state or organisation to a person for the purposes of international travel.  Blank only if Document Type is (N).
4	Traveller's Nationality Code	As documented in the travel document, the three-letter country code assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.
5	Family Name	The first four characters of the person's family name.
6	Trans-Border Flight	The flight number used by the operator of the air service on which the person will cross the Australian border.
7	Check-In Port	The port at which the person commences an international movement and at which advance passenger information for the person is collected.
8(a)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for movement into Australia.

8(b)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for departure from Australia.
9	Check-in Date	The check-in date and time (according to Greenwich Mean Time) used to locate the person.
10(a)	Trans-Border Port	The first port in Australia at which the person will arrive when travelling to Australia.
10(b)	Trans-Border Port	The last port in Australia at which the person will depart when travelling from Australia.
11	Transit Indicator	An indicator that the person is transiting at origin or destination (if applicable).

(2) For the purposes of subsection 245J(3) of the Act, the information set out in the following table is specified to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft who has obtained up-lift approval from the ABOC.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Short Field Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Crew Type	The type of crew person, either: (C) Operating Crew; or (X) Positioning Crew.
2	Document Type	The type of travel document, either: (P) Passport; (O) Other; or (N) None.
3	Document Number	The assigned number of an official identification document issued by a state or organisation to a person for the purposes of international travel.  Blank only if Document Type is (N).
4	Traveller's Nationality Code	As documented in the travel document, the three-letter country code assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.
5	Family Name	The person's full family name, as stated in the person's passport or other relevant travel documentation.
6	Given Names	The person's full given names, as stated in the person's passport or relevant travel documentation.
7	Date of Birth	The person's date of birth.
8	Sex	The person's gender, either: (M) Male; (F) Female; (U) Unknown; or (X) Unknown.
9	Trans-Border Flight	The flight number used by the operator of the air service on which the person will cross the Australian border.

10	Check-In Port	The port at which the person commences an international movement and at which advance passenger information for the person is collected.
11(a)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for movement into Australia.
11(b)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for departure from Australia.
12	Check-in Date	The check-in date and time (according to Greenwich Mean Time) used to locate the person.
13(a)	Trans-Border Port	The first port in Australia at which the person will arrive when travelling to Australia.
13(b)	Trans-Border Port	The last port in Australia at which the person will depart when travelling from Australia.
14	Transit Indicator	An indicator that the person is transiting at origin or destination (if applicable).

## 8 Approval of fall-back reporting systems—crew

For the purposes of section 245K of the Act, the following systems are approved as fall-back reporting systems for each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft:

- (a) the ABOC, by telephone to either of the following telephone numbers in Australia:
  - (i) 1300 368 126; or
  - (ii) (02) 6264 1301; or
- (b) the ABOC, by email: ABOC@abf.gov.au; or
- (c) the ABOC, by SITATEX to the address CBRIXCR; or
- (d) APPchat.

## 9 Information to be reported under fall-back reporting systems—crew

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 245K(2), the information in the following table is specified to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft for flights arriving in Australia.

Item	Information
1	The flight number, port of arrival of the aircraft and the expected date of arrival of the aircraft.
2	Where the operator has confirmed that each crew member has boarded the aircraft, each person holds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a travel document, other than an Australian or New Zealand passport, and a visa or Crew Travel Authority, which is in effect that permits the person to travel to and enter Australia; or</li> <li>(b) a current Australian or New Zealand passport.</li> </ul>

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>
3	For each crew member who the operator has not confirmed as falling within Item 2, whether the operator has obtained up-lift approval from the ABOC.

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- (2) For the purposes of subsection 245K(2), the information in the following table is specified to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft for flights departing from Australia.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>
1	The flight number, port of departure of the aircraft and the expected date of departure of the aircraft.

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## Part 3—Primary and fall-back reporting systems for passengers

### 10 Approval of primary reporting system—passengers

For the purposes of section 245J of the Act, the following system is the approved primary reporting system for each passenger of an international passenger aircraft:

- (a) the interactive Advance Passenger Information system called the Advance Passenger Processing System, as provided by C P S Systems Pty Ltd (ABN 64 000 965 551, ACN 000 965 551), part of the Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques Naamloze Vennootschap.

### 11 Information to be reported under primary reporting system—passengers

(1) For the purposes of subsection 245J(3) of the Act, the information set out in the following table is specified to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft who holds:

- (a) an Australian passport;
- (b) a New Zealand passport; or
- (c) a travel document, other than an Australian or New Zealand passport, and a visa which is in effect, other than a special purpose visa, that permits the person to travel to and enter Australia.

Item	Short Field Title	Description
1	Document Type	The type of travel document, either: (P) Passport; (O) Other; or (N) None.
2	Document Number	The assigned number of an official identification document issued by a state or organisation to a person for the purposes of international travel. Blank only if Document Type is (N).
3	Traveller's Nationality Code	As documented in the travel document, the three-letter country code assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.
4	Family Name	The first four characters of the person's family name.
5	Trans-Border Flight	The flight number used by the operator of the air service on which the person will cross the Australian border.
6	Check-In Port	The port at which the person commences an international movement and at which advance passenger information for the person is collected.
7(a)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for movement into Australia.
7(b)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for departure from Australia.

8	Check-in Date	The check-in date and time (according to Greenwich Mean Time) used to locate the person.
9(a)	Trans-Border Port	The first port in Australia at which the person will arrive when travelling to Australia.
9(b)	Trans-Border Port	The last port in Australia at which the person will depart when travelling from Australia.
10	Transit Indicator	An indicator that the person is transiting at origin or destination (if applicable).

(2) For the purposes of subsection 245J(3) of the Act, the information set out in the following table is to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft who:

- (a) is eligible for a special purpose visa as determined by the Act and the Regulations; or
- (b) has obtained up-lift approval from the ABOC.

Item	Short Field Title	Description
1	Document Type	The type of travel document, either: (P) Passport; (O) Other; or (N) None.
2	Document Number	The assigned number of an official identification document issued by a state or organisation to a person for the purposes of international travel. Blank only if Document Type is (N).
3	Traveller's Nationality Code	As documented in the travel document, the three-letter country code assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.
4	Family Name	The person's full family name, as stated in the person's passport or other relevant travel documentation.
5	Given Names	The person's full given names, as stated in the person's passport or relevant travel documentation.
6	Date of Birth	The person's date of birth.
7	Sex	The person's gender, either: (M) Male; (F) Female; (U) Unknown; or (X) Unknown.
8	Trans-Border Flight	The flight number used by the operator of the air service on which the person will cross the Australian border.
9	Check-In Port	The port at which the person commences an international movement and at which advance passenger information for the person is collected.
10(a)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for movement into Australia.

10(b)	Expected Port	The Australian port at which the person will be cleared by the Department for departure from Australia.
11	Check-in Date	The check-in date and time (according to Greenwich Mean Time) used to locate the person.
12(a)	Trans-Border Port	The first port in Australia at which the person will arrive when travelling to Australia.
12(b)	Trans-Border Port	The last port in Australia at which the person will depart when travelling from Australia.
13	Transit Indicator	An indicator that the person is transiting at origin or destination (if applicable).

## 12 Approval of fall-back reporting systems—passengers

- (1) For the purposes of section 245K of the Act, the following systems are approved as fall-back reporting systems for each passenger of an international passenger aircraft:
- (a) the ABOC, by telephone to either of the following telephone numbers in Australia:
    - (i) 1300 368 126; or
    - (ii) (02) 6264 1301; or
  - (b) the ABOC, by email: ABOC@abf.gov.au; or
  - (c) the ABOC, by SITATEX to the address CBRIXCR; or
  - (d) APPchat.

## 13 Information to be reported under fall-back reporting systems—passengers

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 245K(2), the information in the following table is specified to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft for flights arriving in Australia.

Item	Information
1	The flight number, port of arrival of the aircraft and the expected date of arrival of the aircraft.
2	Where the operator has confirmed that the passenger has boarded the aircraft, each person holds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a travel document, other than an Australian or New Zealand passport, and a visa which is in effect that permits the person to travel to and enter Australia; or</li> <li>(b) a current Australian or New Zealand passport.</li> </ul>
3	For each passenger who the operator has not confirmed as falling within Item 2, whether the operator has obtained up-lift approval from the ABOC.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection 245K(2), the information in the following table is specified to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft for flights departing from Australia.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Information</b>
1	The flight number, port of departure of the aircraft and the expected date of departure of the aircraft.

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## **Schedule 1—Repeals**

### ***Instrument of Approval of Primary Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Crew) 2015***

#### **1 The whole of the instrument**

Repeal the instrument.

### ***Instrument of Approval of Primary Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Passengers) 2015***

#### **2 The whole of the instrument**

Repeal the instrument.

### ***Instrument of Approval of Fall-back Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Crew) 2015***

#### **3 The whole of the instrument**

Repeal the instrument.

### ***Instrument of Approval of Fall-back Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Passengers) 2015***

#### **4 The whole of the instrument**

Repeal the instrument.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by authority of the Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs

*Migration Act 1958*

### ***Migration (Approval of Primary and Fall-back Reporting Systems—International Passenger Aircraft) Instrument 2025***

- 1 The instrument, departmental reference LIN 25/059, is made under sections 245J and 245K of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Migration Act).
- 2 In accordance with subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (the Acts Interpretation Act), the instrument repeals:
  - *Instrument of Approval of Primary Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Crew) 2015* (IMMI 15/016);
  - *Instrument of Approval of Primary Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Passengers) 2015* (IMMI 15/019);
  - *Instrument of Approval of Fall-back Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Crew) 2015* (IMMI 15/020); and
  - *Instrument of Approval of Fall-back Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Passengers) 2015* (IMMI 15/021).
- 3 Subsection 33(3) of the Acts Interpretation Act provides that a power to make a legislative instrument includes a power to amend or repeal that instrument in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, as the power to make the instrument.
- 4 The instrument commences on the day after it is registered. It is a legislative instrument for the *Legislation Act 2003* (the Legislation Act).

#### ***Purpose***

- 5 The purpose of LIN 25/059 is to repeal and replace the legislative instruments IMMI 15/016, IMMI 15/019, IMMI 15/020 and IMMI 15/021, which are due to sunset on 1 October 2025 in accordance with section 50 of the Legislation Act. LIN 25/059 specifies and approves the primary and fall-back reporting systems for crew and passengers of an *international passenger aircraft* as defined in subregulation 3.13 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Migration Regulations) for the purposes of section 245J and 245K of the Migration Act.
- 6 Subsection 245J(1) of the Migration Act requires the Secretary to, by legislative instrument for each kind of aircraft or ship to which Division 12B of the Migration Act applies, approve a system for the purposes of reporting under Division 12B of the Migration Act. The system may be an electronic system or a system requiring reports to be provided in documentary form under subsection 245J(1) of the Migration Act.
- 7 Subsection 245K(1) of the Migration Act requires the Secretary to, by legislative instrument, approve one or more systems as fall-back reporting systems. A fall-back reporting system may be an electronic

system or a system requiring reports to be provided in documentary form under subsection 245K(1) of the Migration Act.

- 8 LIN 25/059 authorises the primary system for reporting and the information to be reported by that system about each member of the crew and passenger as specified in subsections 245J(2A) and 245J(3) of the Migration Act.
- 9 LIN 25/059 also authorises the fall-back system for reporting and the information to be reported by that system about each member of the crew and passenger as specified in subsections 245K(1A) and 245K(2) of the Migration Act.

### ***Consultation***

- 10 Consultation was conducted with the Australian Border Force, the providers of the specified systems and relevant key stakeholders in the international passenger aircraft industry. The matters specified in the instrument reflect the outcome of that consultation.

### ***Details of the instrument***

- 11 Details of the instrument are set out in the **Attachment**.

### ***Parliamentary scrutiny etc.***

- 12 The instrument is exempt from disallowance under section 42 of the Legislation Act. This is because in accordance with paragraph 44(2)(a) of the Legislation Act and item 20(a) in regulation 10 of the *Legislation (Exemptions and Other Matters) Regulation 2015*, instruments made under Part 2 of the Migration Act are prescribed as being exempt from disallowance. Given the instrument is exempt from disallowance, a statement of compatibility in accordance with section 9 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* is not required.
- 13 The instrument was made by the Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs in accordance with sections 245J and 245K of the Migration Act.

**Details of the *Migration (Approval of Primary and Fall-back Reporting Systems—International Passenger Aircraft) Instrument 2025***

**Section 1 Name**

This section provides that the name of the instrument is the *Migration (Approval of Primary and Fall-back Reporting Systems—International Passenger Aircraft) Instrument 2025* (the instrument).

**Section 2 Commencement**

This section provides that the instrument commences on the day after registration of the instrument on the Federal Register of Legislation.

**Section 3 Authority**

This section provides that the instrument is made under sections 245J and 245K of the *Migration Act 1958*.

**Section 4 Definitions**

This section provides the following definitions in the instrument:

- *ABOC* means the Australian Border Operations Centre.
- *Act* means the *Migration Act 1958*.
- *Department* means the Department of Home Affairs including the Australian Border Force.
- *international passenger aircraft* has the meaning given by regulation 3.13 of the Regulations.
- *Regulations* means the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

**Section 6 Approval of primary reporting system—crew**

This section specifies the system approved as the primary reporting system for each member of the crew of an *international passenger aircraft* as defined in regulation 3.13 of the Regulations for the purposes of section 245J of the Act.

The primary reporting system is the interactive Advance Passenger Information system called the Advance Passenger Processing System, as provided by C P S Systems Pty Ltd (ABN 64 000 965 551, ACN 000 965 551), part of the Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques Naamloze Vennootschap.

**Section 7 Information to be reported under primary reporting system—crew**

This section provides for the information to be reported under the primary reporting system for the purposes of subsection 245J(3) of the Act.

Subsection 7(1) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft who holds:

- an Australian passport;

- a New Zealand passport; or
- a travel document, other than an Australian or New Zealand passport, with a Crew Travel Authority as provided by the Department.

Subsection 7(2) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft who has obtained up-lift approval from the Australian Border Operations Centre to travel to Australia.

## **Section 8 Approval of fall-back reporting systems—crew**

This section specifies the systems approved as fall-back reporting systems for each member of the crew of an *international passenger aircraft* as defined in regulation 3.13 of the Regulations for the purposes of section 245K of the Act.

The following systems are approved as fall-back reporting systems for each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft:

- the ABOC, by telephone to either of the following telephone numbers in Australia:
  - 1300 368 126; or
  - (02) 6264 1301; or
- the ABOC, by email: ABOC@abf.gov.au; or
- the ABOC, by SITATEX to the address CBRIXCR; or
- APPchat.

## **Section 9 Information to be reported under fall-back reporting systems—crew**

This section provides for the information to be reported under a fall-back reporting system for the purposes of subsection 245K(2) of the Act.

Subsection 9(1) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft for flights arriving in Australia.

Subsection 9(2) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each member of the crew of an international passenger aircraft for flights departing from Australia.

## **Section 10 Approval of primary reporting systems—passengers**

This section specifies the system approved as the primary reporting system for each passenger of an *international passenger aircraft* as defined in regulation 3.13 of the Regulations for the purposes of section 245J of the Act.

The primary reporting system is the interactive Advance Passenger Information system called the Advance Passenger Processing System, as provided by C P S Systems Pty Ltd (ABN 64 000 965 551, ACN 000 965 551), part of the Société Internationale de Télécommunications Aéronautiques Naamloze Vennootschap.

## **Section 11 Information to be reported under primary reporting system—passengers**

This section provides for the information to be reported under the primary reporting system for the purposes of subsection 245J(3) of the Act.

Subsection 11(1) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft who holds:

- an Australian passport;
- a New Zealand passport; or
- a travel document, other than an Australian or New Zealand passport, and a visa which is in effect, other than a Special Purpose Visa, that permits the person to travel to and enter Australia.

Subsection 11(2) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft who:

- is eligible for a special purpose visa as determined by the Act and the Regulations; or
- has obtained up-lift approval from the Australian Border Operations Centre.

## **Section 12 Approval of fall-back reporting systems—passengers**

This section specifies the systems approved as fall-back reporting systems for each passenger of an *international passenger aircraft* as defined in regulation 3.13 of the Regulations for the purposes of section 245K of the Act.

For the purposes of section 245K of the Act, the following systems are approved as fall-back reporting systems for each passenger of an international passenger aircraft:

- (a) the ABOC, by telephone to either of the following telephone numbers in Australia:
  - (i) 1300 368 126; or
  - (ii) (02) 6264 1301; or
- (b) the ABOC, by email: ABOC@abf.gov.au; or
- (c) the ABOC, by SITATEX to the address CBRIXCR; or
- (d) APPchat.

## **Section 13 Information to be reported under fall-back reporting systems—passengers**

This section provides for the information to be reported under a fall-back reporting system for the purposes of subsection 245K(2) of the Act.

Subsection 13(1) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft for flights arriving in Australia.

Subsection 13(2) of the instrument specifies the information to be reported about each passenger of an international passenger aircraft for flights departing from Australia.

## **Schedule 1 Repeals**

Items 1 to 4 of Schedule 1 repeal each of the following instruments, which are due to sunset on 1 October 2025 in accordance with subsection 50(1) of the *Legislation Act 2003*:

- *Instrument of Approval of Primary Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Crew) 2015*;
- *Instrument of Approval of Primary Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Passengers) 2015*;

- *Instrument of Approval of Fall-back Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Crew) 2015; and*
- *Instrument of Approval of Fall-back Reporting Systems (International Passenger Aircraft – Passengers) 2015.*