

Checking in? New QR requirements for NSW businesses start on 12 July

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From 12 July 2021 practically every business in NSW will need to use mandatory QR check ins. The orders which currently apply to hospitality venues are being extended to cover all types of businesses including warehouses, schools and offices.

The exact wording of the public health order hasn't been released but to help you prepare we've set out how we think it will operate based on the announcement and the current hospo orders.

Who will be caught?

Any person who enters a venue of the type listed in the health order, will need to provide their contact details. Any occupier of such a venue must mandate that the person provide their contact details.

Currently the listed venue types are those you'd expect; cinemas, cafes, restaurants etc. The big shift is that from 12 July they will also include offices, warehouses, shops (including individual shops within centres), schools and universities (see [here](#)).

What do you need to do?

If the current requirements for hospitality venues are simply extended, then this is what you'll need to do:

1. Set yourself up with a Service NSW QR code, if you haven't already, and appoint one person to monitor compliance.
2. Get every person who comes onto your site to check in using the Service NSW app.
3. If it isn't possible for a person to check in using Service NSW then you'll need to electronically record their contact details and keep them saved for 28 days.
4. You are only allowed to use the details you collect for the purposes of COVID contact tracing. You can't use them for marketing or other contact unless you obtain express consent.
5. If NSW Health comes knocking you must provide the relevant contact details within 4 hours of a request for data.

Does that mean I need to have my employees check in everyday?

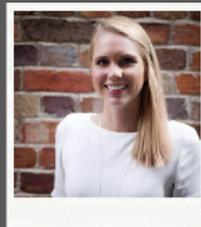
Whilst the order hasn't been published the government did say that teachers at a school would need to check in, in addition to visitors. We think that this is the approach which will be taken to offices and other facilities, meaning employees will need to check in every day they attend their workplace, even if it is a space which is not open to the public (like an office or a manufacturing facility). That is in line with the purpose of the order: to allow NSW Health to get to contacts as quickly as possible.

Can I refuse entry to someone who won't comply?

Absolutely. In fact if you don't you could face hefty penalties for breaching the health order.

We'll update you further once the order is released.

Got questions? Give us a call.



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