



Planning your arrival

A helpful guide for travellers with a Hidden Disability

Sydney's Airport

When my plane has landed I wait in my seat with my seat belt on. I can get ready to exit by putting my things into my bag, make sure my Hidden Disability lanyard is visible and check that I haven't left anything in the seat pocket or underneath the seat.



Everyone will be getting off the plane. I will wait until it is my turn to exit the plane.

I keep moving forward until I get off the plane and into the arrivals terminal. If I think that I have forgotten something I can find the nearest staff member and they will be able to help me.



Arriving on a plane at the International Airport

If I am leaving the terminal I will head towards baggage claim.

If I am going on another flight, I will follow the signs to transfer and transit.



tick me!

I have exited my flight

Passport Control

I have to do a few things before I can leave the airport. First are passport checks.

I can either go through passport control through an electronic SmartGate or with an Australian Border Force (ABF) Officer.



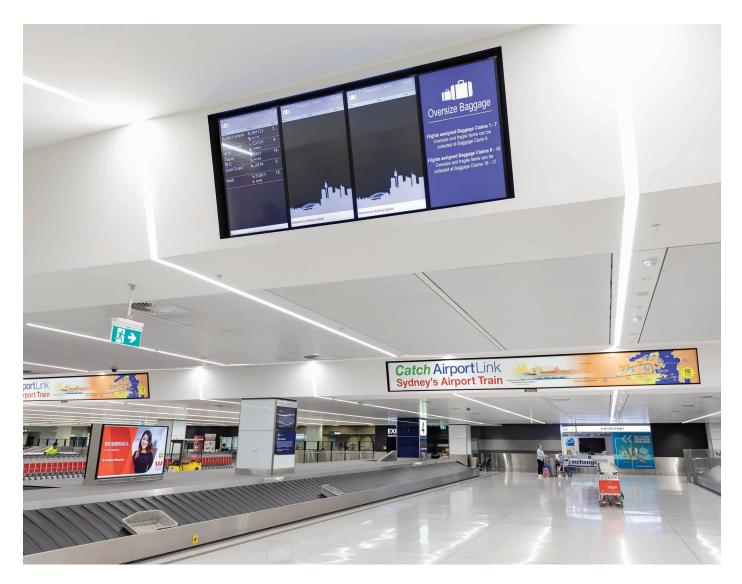
The ABF officer might ask me questions about my trip. I should try to answer these questions.

My passport has been checked

Baggage Claim

Next I walk towards baggage claim.

If I did check in bags, I can find where my bags will be by looking at the board for my flight number. The baggage carousel number will be next to this.



I wait for the bags to start moving onto the baggage belt. It is important that I keep my hands and feet away from the carousel while I wait.

Baggage Claim

When I see my bag, I will pick it up off the carousel.



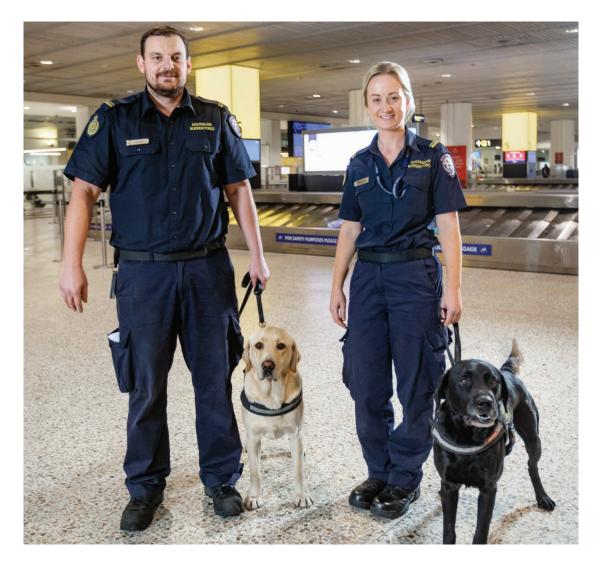
When I have all my bags I can join the queue and show the officers my yellow arrivals card.



I have collected my bags

There are dogs that work in the airport. They wear a uniform that shows that they are working. They help people follow the rules and check for things that are not allowed. These dogs have a special job to do and are really clever.

Australian Border Force Dogs check that I am not carrying anything illegal.

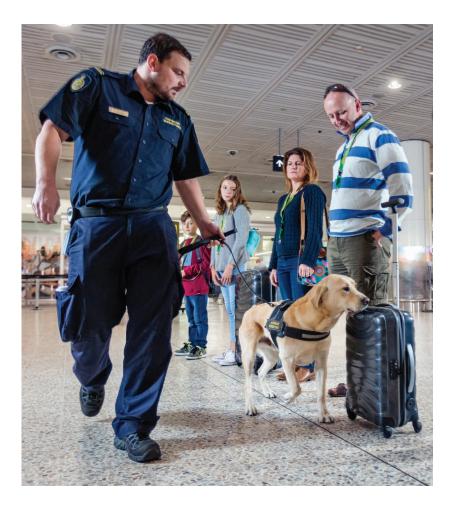


I leave the dogs to do their job. I should try not to pat the dogs.

If a dog stops near me I should try not to be scared or worried. Sometimes people forget or are unsure of the rules.

I should:

- 🖌 stay calm
- ✓ listen to the ABF officer
- follow their instructions
- let them check my bags



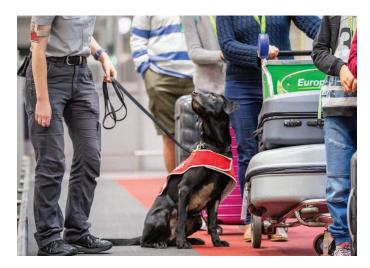


I may be sent to queue in the Biosecurity line.

There are rules about what can come into Australia. This includes food, animal products and some types of wood. I have to show these things to an officer.



Sometimes they may have a dog on duty that will sniff my bags - Biosecurity Dogs make sure that I don't have any food items that are not allowed to be brought into Australia.



Biosecurity

I might have to show the officer what is in my bags.

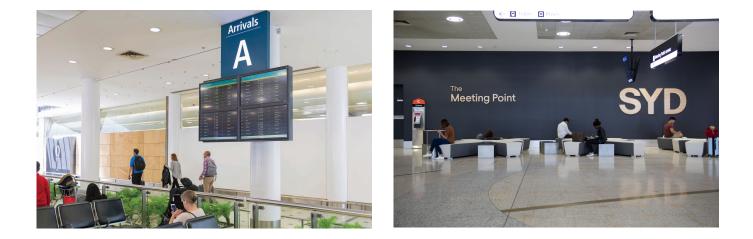
They might ask me to put food or other items in the bin. I must follow the rules and the instructions of the officer.





Leaving the Terminal

Next I walk through the exit gates. This is where people might be waiting to see me or I might have organised to meet them at the Meeting Point . I might get into a taxi, train or bus to head home. I could be getting onto another plane.



I can follow the signs to find the place that I need to be. If I am unsure I can ask a volunteer ambassador and they will help me to find my way.



It's time to leave the airport. We wish you a safe onward journey.

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