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## **\*\*免費快速檢測包的領取準則\*\***

昨日下午，澳洲總理莫里森宣布，經內閣緊急會議決定 快速檢測包將會免費發放給符合領取條件的澳洲人。這將幫助各州緩解現在新冠測試的種種問題

### -誰可以領取免費快速測試包

免費快速測試包將不會對每個人都免費。如果你有以下其中一個卡，那麼你將可以免費領取有限數量的免費檢測包

- Commonwealth seniors health card 聯邦老人健康卡
- Health care card 健康卡
- Low income card (原文是這麼寫的，但小編猜測是 low income health care card 也就是低收入健康卡)
- Pensioner concession card 退休人士優惠卡
- DVA gold card 退伍軍人金卡
- DVA white card 退伍軍人白卡

### -哪裡可以領取

如果你持有以上其中一種卡，你就可以憑證在藥房領取免費快速測試包。領取的數量規定如下：

- 三個月內最多只能領取 10 個測試
- 每個月不能超過 5 個測試

注意，這些測試包是給無症狀或者不是密切接觸人發放的。如果你有症狀，請到測試點領取。測試點人員將有更好的防護措施來防範新冠傳播。

### -什麼時候需要做 PCR 測試

從昨天開始，如果你的快速測試包結果是陽性，那麼你就不需要再做 PCR 測試。你的 7 天隔離將會立即生效。內閣會議也宣佈如果你在隔離的第六天沒有症狀，那麼你將不需要再做一次檢測。但是如果你有症狀，請做 PCR 或者使用快速檢測包做檢測。密切接觸人員還是需要在第六天做新冠測試。

### -如果你的快速測試包檢測結果為陽性，你該怎麼做

你應該通知你的健康服務提供商。這是因為 PCR 測試原本是政府健康部門來追蹤新冠案例的。政府也在研究一個報告系統讓你可以自己報告你的感染結果。

### -這些變化什麼時候開始

總理昨天確認，這些免費的快速測試包將在“這兩週內”開始實施。PCR 測試要求變化將會從現在開始實施。每個州也需要時間去更改公共健康條例。

### -還有什麼其他的變化？

卡車司機將不需要每隔 7 天做一次測試

如果你去醫院做治療。或者如果你在私人醫院工作，這些人都不需要再做新冠測試

國際旅遊者在到達澳洲後將不需要再做第兩次測試。

詳細資料可參考 <https://www.9news.com.au/national/coronavirus-australia-update-explainer-rapid-antigen-tests-free-for-cardholders-and-pcr-tests-scrapped-if-rapid-tests-are-positive/da15f367-cb90-4019-9efa-205a72c99d1c>

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## Who is eligible for free rapid antigen tests and when do you need a PCR test explained

apid antigen tests will now be free for eligible Australians and positive rapid antigens will no longer need a confirmation PCR test, [National Cabinet](#) has agreed.

State and territory leaders agreed to the new announcements as COVID-19 case soar across the country, testing queues are banked up for hours and people are waiting days for their PCR results to come back. Here is what we know about who can get a free rapid antigen test and when you will need to get a PCR test.

### Who is eligible for a free rapid antigen test?

Scott Morrison announced today rapid antigen tests would not be "universally free" however some Australians will be able to access them for free.

You can get one for free if you are one of the following cardholders:

- Commonwealth seniors health card,
- A healthcare card,
- A low-income card,
- A pension concession card,
- DVA Gold card
- DVA white card

Mr Morrison said more than 6.6 million people fall into these categories.

### Where can I get them?

For these eligible cardholders, you will be available to get the free tests in pharmacies and there will be caps on how many you can purchase.

"They will be able to get up to 10 tests over a course of three months, no more than five per month," Mr Morrison said.

"They should only be getting those test their if they are not symptomatic and they are not close contacts."

### When do I need to get a PCR test?

It was also announced today that if you take a rapid antigen test and it comes back positive, you won't need to get a follow up PCR test to confirm the result.

So you will only need to take the rapid antigen test and if it comes back positive, you will begin the seven day isolation period.

National Cabinet also announced last week the day six testing requirement for confirmed COVID-19 cases was removed.

However, if you are still symptomatic on day six of your isolation you should seek either another rapid antigen test or PCR test.

Close contacts still need to undergo a day six rapid antigen test to leave isolation.

### What happens if you do get a positive rapid antigen test?

Mr Morrison advised if you have a positive rapid antigen test, you should let your health provider know that you have COVID-19.

This is because the PCR testing system was originally used by health authorities to know how many positive COVID-19 cases there are nationwide.

The federal government is also working on a reporting system so that you can report your positive test result.

"We are working on a system through our GPs and other processes for people to report that they have got a positive test," he said.

### When do the changes start?

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) confirmed that the free rapid antigen tests will be available "within the fortnight".

The PCR testing changes when receiving a positive rapid antigen test will "essentially start now".

However, due to states needing to change public health orders, the PMO said this may take effect from midnight tonight.

### What else has changed?

Truck drivers will no longer be required to have seven-day rolling tests.

If you are going to the hospital as a patient for treatment and going to work in the private hospital sector you will also not be required to get a COVID-19 test.

The requirement for a second test post-arrival in Australia from overseas will also be removed.

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