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Falkland Islands Government guide to quarantine accommodation

What are the current quarantine requirements in the Falkland Islands?

The Falkland Islands has so far been successful in limiting the spread of coronavirus because of the measures in place to reduce the risk of coronavirus being inadvertently transmitted by those arriving from overseas.

A mandatory requirement to quarantine for 14 days on arrival into the Islands is a key part of those measures. There are some very limited exemptions from the requirement to quarantine which strike a careful balance between managing the risk of infection and the need to maintain key services.

On 15 February 2021, new regulations will come into force in the Falkland Islands, which prohibit sharing accommodation with anyone during your quarantine period, unless everyone else in your place of quarantine is undertaking quarantine at the same time as you.

Failure to stay in your place of quarantine, except in very limited circumstances set out in the Regulations, is a criminal offence for which you can be fined up to £2000, imprisoned for up to three months, or both.

What is a “place of quarantine” accommodation?

- A place of quarantine means living accommodation and sanitary and other facilities that are suitable for a person who is in quarantine and are not shared with anyone else who is not in quarantine
- This includes houses, flats, static caravans, cabins and vessels including yachts
- The Government will help people find alternative accommodation if their usual residence is not suitable as a place of quarantine. The limited alternative accommodation includes government housing and hotel accommodation provided by the Malvina House Hotel. Returning residents will be prioritised for the available accommodation.

Suitable quarantine accommodation must:

- Be self-contained i.e. have its own bathroom – which is not shared or used by others who are not in quarantine
- Have its own kitchen – unless you are quarantining in hotel accommodation, in which case the hotel will have its own protocols in place to make sure that you are provided with meals and your contact with hotel staff is kept to a minimum.
- Have a separate entrance/ front door

Suitable quarantine accommodation must not:

- Be a house of multiple occupancy (or HMO) where any accommodation or facilities have to be shared with anyone who is not in quarantine for the same period.

- Be a floor, wing or other internal part of a property without a separate entrance – e.g. annexes are only suitable quarantine accommodation if completely self-contained and separate from the rest of the building

How can I arrange quarantine accommodation for myself/my family?

Visitors and people working for private companies must find their own place of quarantine. Government employees will be provided with suitable accommodation by the FIG Housing Department, if travelling on Government business.

Any other returning residents (that is, anyone who has Falkland Islands Status, PRP or a permit that is not a visitors permit) who do not have access to suitable quarantine accommodation should contact the FIG housing department for advice by emailing housing@pwd.gov.fk or by calling +500 27193.

How much does quarantine accommodation cost?

If accommodation is provided by the FIG Housing Department, there is a flat rate service charge of £100 per person for the quarantine period. This covers the use of fuel, limited internet and telephone provision, linen changing and deep cleaning on leaving the property. This service charge is waived for returning residents. If accommodation is provided at the Malvina House Hotel, the base bed and board rate is £2,100 per person, plus any additional charges for the quarantine period.

Is there financial support available if my household has to quarantine with me and they cannot go to work?

There is no financial support available to people who cannot work while in quarantine. If being in quarantine at home means that other members of your household will not be able to do their usual work outside of the home, then the better option would be to quarantine separately away from your household. If you need help in finding accommodation please contact housing@pwd.gov.fk or call +500 27193.

What must I do before I travel to the Falkland Islands as regards accommodation?

You are expected to make arrangements for your place of quarantine before travelling to the Falkland Islands. Due to the limited availability of government facilitated accommodation, you should not assume that the government will be able to help you on arrival. You will need to provide details of your quarantine arrangements in order to complete your ICD5 form prior to arrival in the Falkland Islands. If you do not, you may not be issued with a plane ticket.

Where can I find the latest information on quarantine in the Falkland Islands?

By visiting this area on our dedicated website: <https://www.fig.gov.fk/covid-19/quarantine>