

Preamble

Northern Territory Airports (NTA) considers the safety of staff, contractors, tenants and any other personnel affected by work activities on airport to be of paramount importance and to achieve this end has a mandatory requirement for minimum personal protective equipment (PPE) when working airside.

Broadly, this PPE consists of high visibility shirt, vest or safety strap vest; hearing protection; and closed-in, sturdy footwear.

This list is not an exhaustive list of PPEs for personnel working airside as a risk assessment must be undertaken for all high-risk work activities and appropriate PPE will be worn as required over and above the requirements of this policy.

Scope

This policy applies equally to all personnel working airside

- NTA personnel.
- Contractors and airport tenants
- Pilots, airline staff and technical crew.
- Personnel escorting passengers to an aircraft.
- Airside drivers and passengers in open-topped vehicles.

Exemptions

- Staff walking to and from airside work areas via designated walkways. **(DIA Only)**
- Passengers moving between aircraft and terminal under escort.
- Drivers and passengers in enclosed vehicles that are not required to get out of their vehicle while airside.
- Pilots wearing white shirts directly accessing aircraft within leased areas (as shown in green on the attached map) of the general aviation (GA) areas during daylight hours with good visibility. Must not cross aircraft manoeuvring areas / active taxiways. High visibility clothing applies outside of these conditions.
- Emergency Services personnel directly involved emergency missions may be exempt from wearing hi viz. This does not include engineering & ground staff based at the hangar as they will be expected to wear PPE as per this policy.

Technical specifications for minimum PPE

- High visibility clothing and reflective strips are required as per AS/NZS 1906.4 and AS/NZS 4602.1 in Day, Night or Day/Night classification. Persons working at night or in poorly lit conditions must wear Night or Day/Night classification.
- Hearing protection as per AS/NZS 1270 up to Class 5 must be carried at all times when working airside and utilised when working in a high noise condition.
- Solid sturdy footwear that is closed in by design is the minimum requirement, however if the work activity has a risk of foot injury then consideration should be given to steel capped footwear in accordance with AS/NZS 2210.3 based on the risk assessment for the activity.

(Note: High heeled shoes do not meet the "sturdy" requirements of this policy)

To ensure that we provide a safe airport all airport users are advised that this procedure is a minimum condition of use when working on any NTA sites. All users are encouraged to comply with this policy and failure to do so will result in cessation of work activities.



Map of GA leased area – exemptions for pilots wearing white shirts (DIA only)



Map of GA leased area – exemptions for pilots wearing white shirts (ASA only)

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