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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions in Canberra and has the honour to advise that from October 2021, the Australian Government will issue an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate to outbound travellers.

To ensure a high level of integrity and global interoperability, the certificate complies with World Health Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requirements. It is secured against forgery with a Visible Digital Seal (VDS). VDS is the QR code format ICAO has specified for cross-border air travel.

Vaccination information in the certificate is drawn from the Australian Immunisation Register, the official national database of vaccinations recorded in Australia.

The certificates will be available to Australians and foreign nationals who have been immunised through Australia's vaccine roll-out.

Attached to this note are four official specimen certificates, together with background information about their features and how authorities can authenticate them.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all diplomatic missions in Canberra the assurances of its highest consideration.



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