

The AusAlert national test



You may get an AusAlert test.

AusAlert is being tested across Australia.

The test will make sure AusAlert is working.



The test is on Monday 27 July 2026.



You may get a test alert on your

- smart phone



- smart watch

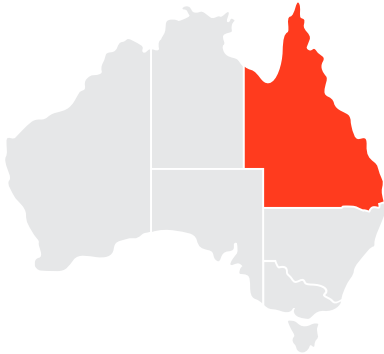


- tablet device.

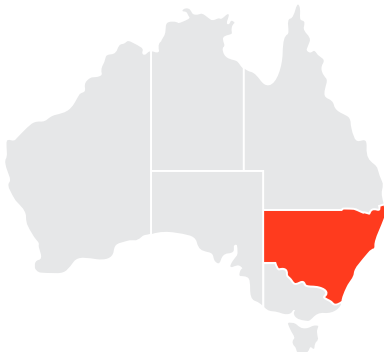


National test times

The national test will be at



- 2:00 pm in Queensland



- 2:00 pm in New South Wales



- 2:00 pm in Australian Capital Territory



- 2:00 pm in Victoria



- 2:00 pm in Tasmania



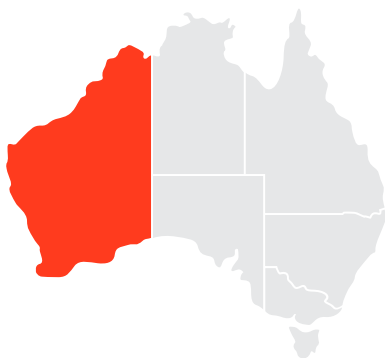
- 1:30 pm in Northern Territory



- 1:30 pm in South Australia



- 1:30 pm in Broken Hill in New South Wales



- 12:00 pm in Western Australia



The national test alert shows on the screen of your mobile device.

The alert is like a text message.

It is a Critical Alert.

It looks a bit like this.



It may show

- during phone calls



- when you are using apps
- on the lock screen.



The national test makes a loud sound.



It is like a siren.

The sound goes for about 10 seconds.



Your device vibrates.



Your phone may sound when on silent or do not disturb.



Newer devices get the alert.

These devices may get the alert.

- iPhone 11 and newer running iOS 26.4 or later
- Android 12 phones and newer



- some tablets



- some smart watches.



Keep your devices updated.



This is only a test.

If you get the AusAlert national test



- stay calm
- read the test alert



- close the message.

You do not need to do anything else.

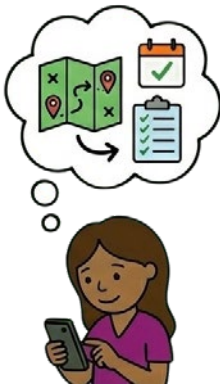


In a real emergency

- stay calm
- read the alert



- close the message



- make a plan.



It may help to talk to someone you trust.



If you did not get the national test.

This is OK. Do not worry.



There may be no mobile signal.



Your device might need an update.



Your device may not work with AusAlert.



If you like, let us know at
ausalert.gov.au/feedback



If you do not want to get the national test.

The sound may be loud.



It may be too loud for someone near you like:

- babies
- children
- Elders.



If it is too loud, you can

- turn off your device



or

- turn on aeroplane mode.



Do this before the test time.

Leave the device off for at least 1 hour.



If you get the test while driving

- stay calm
- focus on the road
- do not touch your phone



- stop somewhere safe
- check the alert.



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