

## **Open Skies Agreement U.S. & Australia**

### Travel to Australia

According to the Open Skies agreement between the U.S. and Australia, travelers may fly on any Australian air carrier, but **ONLY** when the following conditions are met:

1. Travel is **NOT** funded by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) including the U.S. Military (Army, Navy and Air Force).
2. U.S. government **DOES NOT** have a published City-Pair agreement in effect for the travel route
  - The GSA's (U.S. General Services Administration) **City Pair Program (CPP)** <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104512> offers government negotiated reduced fares for flights between certain cities. If a city pair agreement is in effect for your travel route, you may not claim an Open Skies exception and must fly on a US flag air carrier or US code share carrier, unless another FTR exception applies.
  - Go to the Airline City Pairs search link: <http://cpsearch.fas.gsa.gov/> before booking flights to determine if a city-pair agreement is in effect for your travel route. Enter the traveler's departure and arrival cities in the search tool and take the appropriate action depending on the following results:
    - If the search tool displays the ***city pair agreement rates*** - then the traveler must fly on a U.S. flag air carrier, unless another FTR exception applies.
    - If the search tool displays "***awards not found for the given criteria***" – then the traveler can fly on the Australian air carrier.

**When both of these conditions are met, the traveler may travel on a U.S. flag or Australian air carrier.**

A list of the Australian airlines is below:

- Qantas Airways
- Virgin Australia