Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry
Coronavirus (COVID-19) update
18 December 2020

Victorian Border Crossing Permit Scheme

From 12.01am on 19 December 2020, the Victorian Chief Health Officer issued Border Crossing Permit Scheme Directions. The Directions require individuals to hold a permit to enter Victoria from New South Wales.

Zonal System

Victorian Border Crossing Permits will be issued for travellers based on the locations visited or travelled through New South Wales. These locations are categorised as green, orange and red zones:

- **Green**: If you have visited locations in the Green Zone, you will be able to receive a Victorian Border Crossing Permit.

- **Orange**: If you have visited locations in the Orange Zone, you will be able to receive a Victorian Border Crossing Permit and you will be encouraged to have a COVID-19 test and self-isolate until you get a negative result. (consistent with the Freight Movement Code for the Domestic Border Controls https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/files/freight-movement-code-for-the-domestic-border-controls.pdf)

- **Red**: If you have visited locations in the Red Zone during specific exposure periods, you will not be able to receive a Victorian Border Crossing Permit and you will not be allowed to enter Victoria.

New South Wales directions require anyone who has visited red-zone locations to get a COVID-19 test and self-quarantine for 14 days.

To determine if you have been to a red, orange or green zone in New South Wales in the previous 14 days prior to entering Victoria please visit the DHHS website https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Anyone who has recently from NSW can access the exposure sites on the https://www.health.nsw.gov.au website.

Permit System

Service Victoria has put in place a permit system to allow individuals who have been in New South Wales (except for the those who have visited the Red Zone) the previous 14 days to enter Victoria.

This includes all Victorian and interstate truck drivers.

As a provider of essential services, interstate truck drivers will be granted a permit if they arrive from an 'orange or green zone' and if they provide the following information:

- full name, residential address and contact phone number

- dates travelling inside Victoria

- departure and destination details - using the furthest destination and then refer to logbooks

- an attestation that they at the time of application and before entering Victoria have not been: diagnosed with COVID-19, experiencing symptoms, requested to self-isolate or self-quarantine, a close contact of a person diagnosed with COVID-19; and have not been to a 'red zone' location.

Permits will be able to be printed and displayed on dashboard or shown on a mobile device.

Victoria Police will begin conducting spot-check around the border from midnight tonight.

The application for a Victorian Border Entry Permit for travel to New South Wales is available at the Services Victoria website https://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home

Testing and Testing Sites

Anyone from NSW travelling from high-risk locations (red zone) should get tested and self-isolate for 14 days from the date they left the location.

Greater Sydney (orange zone) is encouraged to get tested on arrival and self-quarantine until they receive a negative result.

Those travelling from regional NSW (green zone) will be asked to monitor for symptoms.

From 12.01am on 19 December 2020, the Victorian Border Crossing Permit Scheme Directions require individuals to hold a permit to enter Victoria from New South Wales.

Interstate truck drivers travelling through Victoria from New South Wales are able to access testing at one of more than 200 testing sites across Victoria.

Testing is also available in New South Wales at the sites listed https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/freight-hub/transport-for-nsw-response-to-covid-19-for-freight-industry

Information about COVID-19 testing locations in Victoria is available at the Where to get tested webpage https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19

Health advice for NSW travellers arriving in Victoria

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is working closely with NSW Health to ensure any people who have visited the high-risk locations in NSW immediately get tested and self-isolate.

Since Friday 11 December, anyone who was in the Northern Beaches region or other NSW exposure sites and;

- **Is already in Victoria** should get tested and quarantine in their home or accommodation for 14 days from the date they left the Northern Beaches.

- **Arrives in Victoria** after midnight Thursday 17 December 2020, must get tested and quarantine in their home or accommodation for 14 days from the date they left the Northern Beaches.

If you have been to these locations, then please also contact the DHHS on 1800 675 398.

Anyone from NSW who is in Victoria and who has even the slightest symptoms is urged to get tested immediately.

There are almost 200 sites to get tested across Victoria; these tests are free for everyone and you will have your results by the next day.

Information about COVID-19 testing locations in Victoria is available at Where to get tested https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19

Anyone who has recently from NSW can access the exposure sites on the https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/ website.

For more information see the Government's coronavirus website https:/www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Further information

For information about all state or territory border restrictions specific to the heavy vehicle industry please visit the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Coronavirus (COVID-19) response website https://www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/coronavirus-response

Freight Victoria in the Department of Transport is the central point of contact for Victorian Government industry information. Further enquiries should be directed to freightvictoria@transport.vic.gov.au