

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

11 February 2021

South Australian border restrictions

The South Australian (SA) Government has issued the *Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 36) (COVID-19) Direction 2021* which came into effect at 12:01am on Thursday 11 February 2021.

SA increased their border restrictions on people arriving from Greater Melbourne, including setting up border checkpoints to Victoria resulting in some delays.

Commercial transport and freight services are considered Essential Travellers and are permitted to enter SA.

Areas of Regional Victoria outside Greater Melbourne are not subject to the Direction.

All people travelling to SA must still complete the Cross Border Travel Registration form, available on the SA police [Cross Border travel webpage](#)

Under this Direction, freight operators travelling from a “*Prohibited or Restricted Zone*” which includes Greater Melbourne are required to undertake a coronavirus (COVID-19) test within 24 hours of entering SA unless they can provide evidence of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test, or a coronavirus (COVID-19) test result, that is not more than seven days’ old. They must also comply with the other requirements of Essential Travellers as applicable, which for freight operators include to:

- keep and retain records of close contacts;
- self-quarantine when not working;
- wear a face mask in an airplane or airport (if relevant);
- minimise time spent and distance travelled in other jurisdictions; and
- not enter, without approval, disability care; a correctional or residential aged care facility; or a health care facility (except if seeking personal medical care).

Entry to SA is permitted only by certain roads, which includes major freight routes.

For the most up-to-date information, refer to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator’s [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) response](#) webpage

New South Wales entry requirements

The New South Wales (NSW) Government has declared the State of Victoria an affected area.

Anyone arriving in NSW from an affected area by **air or rail** must:

- complete a traveller self-declaration form before entering NSW (or on entry into NSW); and
- carry it with you to show an enforcement officer if requested.

There are no specific requirements for air or rail freight operators within the form, available on the Service NSW’s [NSW Entry Declaration webpage](#)

In NSW, COVID-19 testing is recommended for freight operators on a rolling 7 day basis.

The NSW freight friendly COVID-19 testing pop-up sites remain operational 24/7 at the following locations:

- Narrandera Roadhouse, Newell Highway;
- Tarcutta truck change over yard, Sydney Street, off Hume Highway;
- Taree Service Centre, Pacific Highway;



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- Narrabarba rest area, Princes Highway; and
- Forbes Caltex Service Centre, Newell Highway.

For all heavy vehicle testing sites, check the NHVR [COVID Support map webpage](#) and all NSW COVID-19 testing sites on the [COVID-19 testing clinics webpage](#)

Queensland entry requirements

From 1.00am Saturday 13 February, Freight and Logistics workers entering Queensland who have been anywhere in Victoria on or since 5 February 2021 will need to complete a [Queensland Border Declaration Pass](#) and continue to comply with the Queensland Freight Protocol.

If you have been in [Greater Melbourne](#) since 5 February 2021 and have arrived into Queensland you should check the list of venues published on the Department of Health and Human Service's [Case locations and outbreaks webpage](#).

If you have been to one of these venues you should get tested immediately, isolate for 14 days and please call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Travel to Victoria from other states

The Victorian Travel Permit System is in place for all people travelling to Victoria.

The permit system is based on a traffic light system which allows for areas across Australia to be designated as green, orange or red according to their risk. Areas currently considered to be higher risk are:

- NSW: Cumberland LGA is an 'orange' zone, which came into effect at 6:00pm 8 February.
- WA: the Perth metropolitan area, the Peel region and the South West region of WA is an orange zone, effective 9:00pm (Victorian time) on 5 February.

Commercial Freight Workers who are coming from a green zone only need a Green Zone Permit.

Those coming from an orange zone, or red zone if any are declared, need to apply for a permit under the category Commercial Freight Worker.

A Commercial Freight Worker means a person who is subject to the Freight Code and includes:

- a heavy vehicle driver;
- rail crew; or
- support worker.

The Specified Worker Permit may be available for other types of essential workers.

You can find more information and apply for a Permit at Services Victoria's [COVID-19 border entry webpage](#)

Major disruptions on the transport network

As part of Victoria's Big Build, work continues on the state's biggest road and public transport projects over the summer period. These works include:

As part of the West Gate Tunnel Project works, there will be a single lane closure on Grieve Parade in both directions at the West Gate Freeway interchange 24/7 from 5.00am Monday 11 January until 5.00am Monday 22 March 2021.

- If travelling West Gate Freeway outbound and exit at Grieve Parade, no right turn onto Grieve Parade bridge.

- If travelling northbound on Grieve Parade to the West Gate Freeway inbound entry ramp, no right turn into Grieve Parade entry ramp to West Gate Freeway.

As part of the Level Crossing Removal Project, Clyde Road will be closed in both directions at the level crossing on the Pakenham Line from 19 to 26 February. Detour via Princes Freeway and Princes Highway.

For more information on these disruptions, visit:

- [Victoria's Big Build](#) – for a detailed list of disruptions
- [PTV](#) – for public transport service changes and journey planning tools
- [VicRoads](#) – for updates on major road network changes and travel advice

For more information

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

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