

# Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

12 January 2021

### Victoria introduces a permit system to keep people COVID Safe

On 11 January 2021, the [Premier announced](#) Victoria will establish a new permit system for domestic travel into the state. The new permit system will go live from 5.59pm 11 January 2021.

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/permit-system-keep-victoria-covidsafe>

Under a traffic light system the Chief Health Officer will declare regions in other parts of Australia as green, orange or red zones, depending on the coronavirus risk in a particular area, with applicants required to provide details on where they are coming from and where they are travelling to:

- **Red zone** - if you have visited this area in the past 14 days you will not be allowed to enter Victoria without an exception or exemption (commercial freight workers exceptions continue but must follow border permit conditions).
- **Orange zone** - you will be able to apply for a permit and will need to take a coronavirus test within 72 hours after arriving in Victoria, isolating both before and after your test, until you receive a negative result.
- **Green zone** - you will be able to apply for a permit and enter Victoria.

Under the new system, you will need to apply for a permit to enter Victoria from anywhere in Australia, except border communities in NSW where locals will require proof of their home address.

From 6pm, 11 January 2021 regional NSW becomes an orange zone and Greater Brisbane, along with Greater Sydney, becomes a red zone.

Current permits – including commercial freight worker permits – will remain valid until their scheduled expiry so long as they are consistent with public health's advice on zones

Commercial freight workers entering Victoria under a border permit, will not have to go into quarantine or self-isolation after entering Victorian or while waiting for COVID-19 test results, but can continue to work in accordance with their COVIDSafe Plan.

After a commercial freight worker has entered Victoria from a red zone, they must get a COVID-19 test once during the first 7 day period and again in the 7 days after that and follow permit conditions.

All Victorians must stay home and get tested if they experience even the mildest symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Victoria will continue to work closely with NSW and Queensland authorities to monitor and assess this developing situation and will provide further advice in due course.

More information on these, in addition to applications for the new permit system, will be made available through the Service Victoria portal at [www.service.vic.gov.au](http://www.service.vic.gov.au).

### Brisbane 3-day Lockdown Advice for Victorians

Victoria has closed its border to anyone who has been in Greater Brisbane from Saturday 2 January.

At 6pm on 11 January 2021, the Queensland Government is lifting a three-day lockdown of the Greater Brisbane area. The Greater Brisbane red zone or 'hotspot' covers the local government areas of Brisbane City, Moreton Bay, Redland, Ipswich and Logan.

For more information, please visit the coronavirus updates for Victoria - 9 January update webpage:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-update-victoria-9-january-2021>



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## NSW and Queensland Border Crossing Scheme Directions

From 11:59pm on 8 January 2021, the [New South Wales and Queensland Border Crossing Scheme Directions](#) came into force replacing the New South Wales (NSW) Border Crossing Permit Scheme Directions (No 8).

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/new-south-wales-queensland-border-crossing-scheme-directions-covid-19-doc>

The purpose of these directions includes extending the application of the existing NSW border crossing scheme restrictions to persons who have been in or travelled through a red zone in Queensland in order to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Commercial freight workers may enter Victoria from a red zone or hot spot in NSW or Queensland, subject to adhering to the requirements of the Directions including applying for a permit and following a COVIDSafe Plan.

Commercial freight workers entering Victoria from a red zone or hot spot in NSW or Queensland must:

- keep a record of their travel while at work, including each place they have stopped at and places of accommodation;
- minimise their contact with other persons (except in an emergency) while at work;
- practise physical distancing while at work;
- not carry any person as a passenger (other than for commercial freight services), while at work; and
- carry a valid border permit and present the border permit on request to an authorised officer, a Victoria Police member or a Protective Services Officer.

Commercial freight workers entering Victoria under a border permit, will not have to go into quarantine or formal self-isolation after entering Victorian or while they are waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test, but can continue to work in accordance with their COVIDSafe Plan.

After a commercial freight worker has entered Victoria from a red zone or hot spot in NSW or Queensland they must:

- get tested for COVID-19 once during the first 7 day period and again in the 7 days after that;
- provide proof of their most recent COVID-19 test to an authorised officer or a Victoria Police member when requested;
- only remain in Victoria for the time needed to work, unless the person is a Victorian resident;
- minimise contact with others while working, for 14 days after returning;
- not work if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) or symptoms;
- keep a record of their travel including each place they stop at and places of accommodation; and
- will wear a face mask in all indoor public places and other places where they cannot practise physical distancing, and
- while in a vehicle with others they do not live with, unless an exemption applies.

Information on the Directions can be found on the Department of Health and Human Services website: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

## Every business that is open must have a COVIDSafe Plan

Business owners in Victoria are asked to play their part in slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) by developing a COVIDSafe Plan and adhering to other workplace requirements.

The Victorian Government has provided a range of resources and guidelines to support businesses to reopen safely including signs, posters and templates: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/signs-posters-and-templates>

## Further COVID information

The [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) website is your home for coronavirus (COVID-19) information, please visit:  
[www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

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:  
[www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/coronavirus-response](https://www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/coronavirus-response)

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