

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

18 January 2021

New South Wales zone changes

On 18 January 2021, the [Victorian Government announced](#) that due to the reduced exposure risk and low community transmission in some areas of Greater Sydney, a number of red zone Local Government Areas (LGAs) will transition to orange.

As of 6:00pm (Victorian AEDT) Monday 18 January, the Blue Mountains, Wollongong and all Greater Sydney LGAs **except for** Blacktown City, Burwood, Canada Bay City, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield City, Inner West, Liverpool City, Parramatta City and Strathfield Municipality will be declared an orange zone.

The updated orange zone listing overrides the previous classification as a red zone and applies to the last 14 days.

From 6pm, Monday 18 January 2021 you can apply for an Orange Zone Permit and enter Victoria, as long as you have not been in a currently listed red zone in the past 14 days and agree to the conditions of an Orange Zone Permit.

Red zone permits will still be required for 10 Greater Sydney LGAs of Blacktown City, Burwood, Canada Bay City, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield City, Inner West, Liverpool City, Parramatta City and Strathfield.

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

There are Specified Worker Permits for Commercial Freight Workers. 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.

You can apply for an Orange Zone Permit at Services Victoria website:

<https://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home>

Information about Specified Worker Permits can be found on the COVID-19 website:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/travellers-eligible-to-apply-for-specified-worker-permit>

In addition, New South Wales border towns with Victoria will move to a green zone from 6:00pm tonight, ensuring easier movement for people on either side of the border.

This includes Albury City, Balranald Shire, Bega Valley Shire, Berrigan Shire, City of Broken Hill, Edward River Council, Federation Council, Greater Hume Shire, Hay Shire, Lockhart Shire, Murray River Council, Murrumbidgee Council, Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Snowy Valleys Council, City of Wagga Wagga and Wentworth Shire.

Cross-border communities do not need to apply for a travel permit, as long as they carry a valid form of ID with their address – like a driver licence – and have not been in a current orange or red zone area in the last 14 days.

Freight travel from New South Wales

Truck or freight drivers, or air freight workers travelling to Victoria for work must declare they:

- are travelling to Victoria for work
- will wear a face mask in all public places and minimise contact with other people
- get regularly tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- self-quarantine when not providing freight services
- will only leave your accommodation
 - to get takeaway food or drink
 - access the bathroom
 - get medical care
 - get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - in an emergency situation, and
 - If required to do so by law.

The application for a Victorian Border Entry Permit for travel from NSW is available at the Services Victoria - <https://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home>

General requirements for travel into Victoria from NSW

Consistent with the Freight Movement Code for the Domestic Border Controls freight workers will be required to adhere to testing, self-quarantine and COVIDSafe Principles for all businesses.

https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/files/freight-movement-code-for-the-domestic-border-controls.pdf

The permit is valid for multiple entries into Victoria, for fourteen days from the date of entry into Victoria.

You should display the permit on your dashboard.

If you cannot print out the permit, you can save the permit on your mobile phone or another smart device and show this if stopped by an officer.

Victoria Police has established checkpoints along the major road routes into Victoria from New South Wales to check those coming into Victoria are carrying the appropriate permit.

Border communities will be exempt from obtaining and carrying a permit to support them in going about their daily lives. Instead, they will be able to use their driver licence, or other forms of ID with their address.

Everybody should expect significant delays, allow extra time and make sure you have your permit in place. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Where can I get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) in Victoria?

Heavy vehicle drivers can be tested at around 200 testing sites across Victoria. To find your nearest testing location visit 'Where to get tested' webpage <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-tested>

Heavy vehicle drivers can also access an asymptomatic COVID-19 test at no cost by attending a private pathology clinic across Australia, with this test included in the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

NSW Freight testing facilities are continuing to operate, see the Transport for NSW freight hub for COVID-19 updates.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/freight-hub>

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Further COVID information

The coronavirus.vic.gov.au website is your home for coronavirus (COVID-19) information. Visit <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 <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

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