

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

22 January 2021

New South Wales and Queensland zone changes

On 22 January 2021, the [Victorian Government announced](#) that due to the reduced exposure risk and low community transmission in parts of New South Wales and Queensland, a number of orange zone Local Government Areas (LGAs) will transition to green. Some Greater Sydney LGAs will also transition from red to orange.

As of 11:59pm (Victorian AEDT) Friday 22 January, Greater Brisbane and regional NSW, with the exception of Wollongong and the Blue Mountains, will change from an orange zone to a green zone.

The Greater Sydney LGAs of Blacktown City, Burwood, Canada Bay City, Canterbury-Bankstown, Fairfield City, Inner West, Liverpool City, Parramatta City and Strathfield Municipality will join the rest of Greater Sydney, Wollongong and Blue Mountains as orange zones.

For now, Cumberland LGA will remain a red zone. People from Cumberland are still not permitted to travel to Victoria without an exemption, exception or essential worker permit. Those who have already applied for an exemption application will not need to reapply.

Commercial Freight Workers entering Victoria under a border permit will not have to go into self-isolation after entering Victoria but can continue to work in accordance with their COVIDSafe Plan.

Commercial Freight Workers who are coming from a green zone only need a Green Zone Permit. Those coming from an orange or red zone will need to apply for a Specified Worker Permit.

There are Specified Worker Permits for Commercial Freight Workers. A Commercial Freight Worker means a person who is subject to the Freight Movement Code for the Domestic Border Controls and includes:

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

You can apply for a Specified Worker Permit or Green 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>

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.

Oversize Over Mass and Class 1 Agricultural vehicles

Checkpoints along the Victorian and New South Wales border are in place to ensure only people with permits, residents in border communities or those with eligible exemptions are able to cross into Victoria.

Checkpoints are managed by Victoria Police and supported by the SES and have been set up with infrastructure to provide a safe working environment for those managing the border checkpoint.

Border crossings with this infrastructure can accommodate vehicles up to a maximum width of 4 metres.

Northbound border crossings from Victoria are not impacted.

Preparing for travel

Please do not turn up to a border crossing checkpoint without appropriate border crossing and heavy vehicle permits or to a crossing that cannot accommodate your vehicle as you may be asked to turn back.

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

We are working closely with our State counterparts to ensure the safe movement of wide loads from New South Wales to Victoria.

Please check Victorian Heavy Vehicle Network Maps (OSOM) before you travel. Over Size Over Mass (OSOM) and Agricultural Networks which operate under a gazette notice are updated to reflect these width restrictions at the border.

- Vehicles up to 4m wide – travel as normal
- Vehicles 4m to 5m wide – travel through selected checkpoints
- Vehicles over 5m wide – require a NHVR Restricted Access Vehicle Permit and advance notice to travel through selected checkpoints

Loads of 4m–5m wide

Access has been provided at the following checkpoints:

- Sturt Highway - George Chaffey Bridge
- Murrabit Road - Gonn Crossing
- Federation Way – SN0298 Federation Bridge (Corowa)
- Hume Highway
- Upper Murray Road - Bringenbong Bridge,
- Princes Highway East

Loads over 5 metres wide (including existing permit holders)

Operators of vehicles wider than 5 metres must contact the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) at least **72 hours before the move** to facilitate their move at one of the six locations listed above.

Contact phone

NHVR Call Centre phone 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487). Standard 1300 call charges apply.

An option for OSOM border crossings will be available in the main menu.

Hours

Call Centre 7.00am – 5.00pm (AEST) Monday to Friday.

Closed on weekend and all national public holidays.

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-isolation 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.

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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-isolation 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.

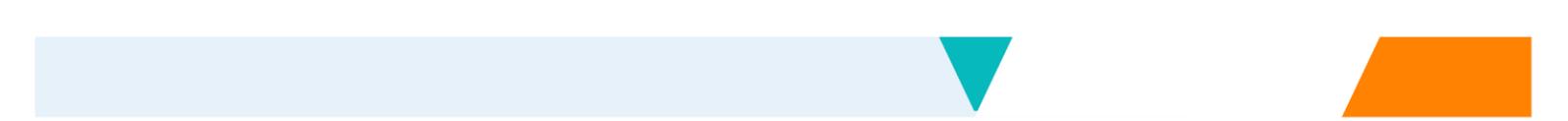
NSW Freight testing facilities are continuing to operate, see the Transport for NSW freight hub for COVID-19 updates.

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

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Further COVID information

The [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.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

This update will be sent to you monthly or as required.