



Land Transport Industry – COVID-19 Response Update 28 May 2020

The Land Transport Industry (Industry) is playing a critical role during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, highlighting the importance of the Industry in supporting Australian communities and the economy by providing essential supplies of food, medicine and other goods.

This update is a part of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication's (the Department) continuing ongoing engagement with Industry, regulators, other Commonwealth agencies and state and territory governments as we move towards recovery.

As state and territory governments take measures under the Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia to ease restrictions in their jurisdictions, the Department has undertaken to provide a collection of useful links to direct Industry to relevant resources. However, this should not replace referring to the Australian Government websites at www.australia.gov.au and www.health.gov.au and relevant state and territory government websites for the most up to date advice.

Next Major Dates

- 29 May 2020 – National Cabinet three-week review and stocktake assessment of progress against the three-step plan.
- 5 June 2020 – Proposed update to the Biosecurity Determination. Future updates to the Determination are proposed to occur at regular intervals with dates to allow a predictable and systematic approach to any changes to designated areas.

Recent Updates

- 21 May 2020 – Meeting with Industry representatives and relevant government agencies to discuss challenges in accessing remote and very remote communities (Designated Biosecurity Areas).
- 25 May 2020 – Heavy vehicle practical driving tests resume at several locations across Queensland, refer to www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/getting/tests for more information.
- 27 May 2020 – Meeting with Industry representatives and relevant government agencies to discuss COVIDSafe plans for workplaces.
- On 8 May 2020, the Australian Prime Minister announced the Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia, following agreement by National Cabinet.
 - The Prime Minister's speech announcing the Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia can be viewed at www.pm.gov.au/media/press-conference-australian-parliament-house-08may20

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- A PDF version of the Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia can be downloaded from www.pm.gov.au/media/update-coronavirus-measures-08may20

Under the three-step plan, state and territory governments continue to make decisions with respect to their individual circumstances and local conditions. All jurisdictions have announced updates as part of the National Cabinet decision, which can be found at:

- Queensland – www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions
- Western Australia – www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-wa-roadmap
- South Australia – www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery
- Tasmania – www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/roadmap-to-recovery
- Northern Territory – www.coronavirus.nt.gov.au/roadmap-new-normal
- New South Wales – <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>
- Victoria – www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria
- Australian Capital Territory – www.covid19.act.gov.au/resources/canberra-recovery-plan

Strong physical distancing and hygiene commitments, including the development of COVIDSafe plans for workplaces, underpin the three-step plan. The National COVID-19 safe workplace principles are outlined on the Safe Work Australia website at www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-information-workplaces/other-resources/national-covid-19-safe-workplace-principles.

The National COVID-19 Coordination Commission has published a planning tool to help businesses reopen and be COVIDSafe. The tool is available at www.pmc.gov.au/nccc/resources/planning-tool-help-businesses-reopen-and-be-covidsafe. States and territories are developing information about COVIDSafe plans for the businesses operating in their jurisdiction. Some jurisdictions have already released additional templates and information about COVIDSafe plans:

- Western Australia – www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-business-and-industry-advice#covid-safety-plans.
- South Australia – www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/create-a-covid-safe-plan.
- Tasmania – www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/business-and-employees/covid-19-safe-workplaces-framework.
- Northern Territory – www.coronavirus.nt.gov.au/roadmap-new-normal/business.

Useful Resources

Below are some useful links (as at 28 May 2020) you may wish to access or distribute.

Australian Government Resources

General COVID-19

- Essential Information updates from the Australian Government are available at www.australia.gov.au.
- The COVIDSafe app has been released to help speed up contacting people exposed to COVID-19. Downloading the COVIDSafe app is completely voluntary. Please read the information from the Department of Health at www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app before downloading.
- Health advice and resources are available from the Department of Health at www.health.gov.au, including advice on cleaning and disinfection principles at www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-principles-for-health-and-residential-care-facilities.
- COVID-19 information for workplaces is also available at www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-information-workplaces including information for the transport sector.

Access to Remote and Very Remote Communities

- On 15 May 2020, the National Cabinet agreed a Framework for removing restrictions to accessing Designated Biosecurity Areas to assist jurisdictions plan and implement any additional arrangements needed. The Framework is available at www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/remote-framework-conditions-for-easing-remote-area-travel-restrictions. Future updates to the Determination on Designated Biosecurity Areas are proposed to occur at regular intervals with clear cut off dates to allow a predictable and systematic approach to any changes to designated areas. The next public update is anticipated 5 June 2020.
- The Department of Health has published a factsheet at www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/remote-community-entry-requirements-in-place-under-the-biosecurity-act-2015 and infographic at www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/keeping-communities-safe-from-coronavirus-remote-area-travel-restrictions.
- The National Indigenous Australian Agency also has information regarding access to designated areas at www.niaa.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/coronavirus-covid-19/information-individuals including a [Designated Biosecurity Areas interactive map](#).

Economic Response

- Details of the Australian Government economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic are available from the Treasury at www.treasury.gov.au, including specific support for affected businesses at www.treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/businesses.



Regulator Resources

- The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is providing updates on their response to the COVID-19 pandemic at www.nhvr.gov.au/about-us/coronavirus-response including the [COVID-19 map: service centres and roadhouses](#).
- The Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator is routinely updating a Fact Sheet on their response to COVID-19 pandemic available at www.onrsr.com.au.

State and Territory Government Resources

South Australia – Updates to Cross Border Travel – COVID-19 Direction (as at 28 May 2020)

- The Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 4) (COVID-19) Direction 2020 came into effect on Monday 11 May 2020 at 12:00 am. Cross-border travel direction number 3 is revoked.
- South Australia has introduced new requirements for essential travellers (including truck drivers).
- Transport and freight services continue to qualify as essential travellers under Schedule 1 of the Direction.
 - Essential travellers (including truck drivers) are required to keep records of close contacts for a 14-day period from the date of their arrival in South Australia.
 - A person is a close contact of another person if they are in the company of the other person; within an enclosed space for a period of 2 hours or longer; or within 1.5 metres of the other person for a period of 15 minutes or longer.
- For information about the Direction and the 'Essential traveller – record of close contact' form are available at www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/cross-border-travel.

New South Wales – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Portal

- The NSW Government has developed and released a website/portal containing details of PPE suppliers for NSW industry and communities to access at <https://buy.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/covid-19-emergency-supplies-portal>.

Internal Border Control Resources

State and territory governments are responsible for the specific measures introduced in each jurisdiction. The following links direct Industry to up to date information about each state and territory's border controls and exemption criteria/requirements but these may be subject to rapid change so Industry is encouraged to refer to the relevant state or territory government website on a regular basis.

Jurisdiction	Requirements
Queensland	Queensland Entry Pass: www.qld.gov.au/border-pass Border Closure Information: www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/border-closing Management Plan: www.datsip.qld.gov.au/coronavirus/travel-restrictions-remote-communities
Western Australia	WA Government website: www.wa.gov.au
South Australia	Updated COVID-19 Direction: www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/cross-border-travel Essential Travellers: www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/travel-restrictions Biosecurity Act Restrictions: www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/restrictions-on-movement-into-aboriginal-communities2
Tasmania	Essential Traveller Criteria: www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/essential-travellers/essential-traveller-criteria Forms: https://dipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/biosecurity-forms/covid-19-important-information-for-travellers Quarantine Conditions: www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/essential-travellers/quarantine-conditions-for-essential-travellers
Northern Territory	Essential Traveller Categories: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice/border-controls/exemption-categories-for-essential-travellers NT Border Arrival Form: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice/border-controls Remote Essential Worker application: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/designated-areas-and-remote-communities/approved-remote-essential-workers
New South Wales	NSW COVID-19 webpage: www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19
Victoria	Victoria COVID-19 webpage: https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus
Australian Capital Territory	ACT COVID-19 webpage: www.covid19.act.gov.au/