



Land Transport Industry – COVID-19 Response Update 17 July 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, 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.

We have received some questions about COVIDSafe Workplans. While each jurisdiction has based the plans on the [National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles](#), agreed to at National Cabinet on 24 April 2020, links available on the following web page provide more detail on the requirements of each state and territory: www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-information-workplaces/other-resources/covid-19-public-health-directions-and-covidsafe

Recent Updates

Over the last few days, state and territory governments have introduced significant border control changes to limit the spread of COVID-19. As the requirements in each jurisdiction can change quickly, the best source of information on each jurisdiction can be found at the following links:

Jurisdiction	Requirements
Queensland	Border Information: www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/border-closing Queensland Border Declaration Pass: www.qld.gov.au/border-pass/queensland-border-declaration-pass-july-10 Remote Communities: www.datsip.qld.gov.au/coronavirus/travel-restrictions-remote-communities Roadmap: www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions
Western Australia	WA Government website: www.wa.gov.au

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South Australia	Border Information: www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/travel-restrictions Remote Communities: www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/restrictions-on-movement-into-aboriginal-communities2 Roadmap: www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery
Tasmania	Border Information: https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/coming-to-tasmania G2G PASS: https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/g2g-pass Quarantine Conditions: www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/essential-travellers/quarantine-conditions-for-essential-travellers Roadmap: www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/roadmap-to-recovery
Northern Territory	Border Information: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice/border-controls Border Entry Form: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/interstate-arrivals Remote Communities: https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/designated-areas-and-remote-communities/approved-remote-essential-workers Roadmap: www.coronavirus.nt.gov.au/roadmap-new-normal
New South Wales	NSW COVID-19 webpage: www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 COVID-19 NSW Border Entry Permit: www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit Roadmap: www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules
Victoria	Victoria COVID-19 webpage: https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus Roadmap: www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria
Australian Capital Territory	ACT COVID-19 webpage: www.covid19.act.gov.au/ Border Controls: www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travelling-and-transport Roadmap: www.covid19.act.gov.au/resources/canberra-recovery-plan

Other News

- 09 July 2020 – The Australian Government, in consultation with industry and the state and territory governments, has published the Principles For Covid-19 Private Bus Industry Operations. The Principles can be viewed at www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/ris/index.aspx.
- 26 June 2020 - National Freight Data Hub (Hub) provided an update to key land transport industry and jurisdiction representatives. Details about the Hub can be found at www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport/freight/national-freight-data-hub/index.aspx. Email freightdatahub@infrastructure.gov.au to express your interest in contributing your views or getting progress updates on the hub design project.
- 9 June 2020 – The Australian Government announced the extension of the instant asset write-off scheme for six months to 31 December 2020. The announcement can be read at <https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/josh-frydenberg-2018/media-releases/extending-instant-asset-write>.
- On 29 May 2020, the National Cabinet agreed to the Principles for COVID-19 Public Transport Operations, which can be viewed at www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/ris/index.aspx.

Useful Resources

Below are some useful links 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 resources on mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic at <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19>.
- Links to government directions and COVIDSafe Plan requirements has been consolidated by Safe Work Australia and is available at www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-information-workplaces/other-resources/covid-19-public-health-directions-and-covidsafe
- The National COVID-19 Coordination Commission has updated their planning tool to help businesses reopen and be COVIDSafe. Part 4 – Planning for a sustainable future is now available at www.pmc.gov.au/nccc/planning-sustainable-future.

Access to Remote and Very Remote Communities

- On 5 June 2020, the Commonwealth *Biosecurity Act 2015* Determination restricting access to remote and rural areas was lifted. Some state-based access restrictions remain and information about these arrangements can be found on the relevant jurisdiction's website:
 - Queensland has developed a Roadmap to easing access restrictions for Queensland's remote communities, available at www.datsip.qld.gov.au/coronavirus/travel-restrictions-remote-communities.
 - Western Australian restrictions on entry to remote Aboriginal communities remain in place to protect the health and wellbeing of residents, which can be found at www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-remote-aboriginal-communities-restrictions-entering.
 - In South Australian, some local restrictions still apply and travellers should contact local Aboriginal councils. For more details visit at www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/restrictions-on-movement-into-aboriginal-communities2.
 - In the Northern Territory, non-residents wanting to go into a remote community must follow all the requirements of land councils and local communities, which can be found at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice/remote-communities/travel>.

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 (NHVR) has announced they will freeze fee increase for all NHVR provided service until January 2021. Information about the NHVR's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available 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

New South Wales

- New South Wales have revised COVID-19 NSW border entry permits now available for people performing critical services and interstate residents transiting through NSW. Permits can be applied for online at www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit.

South Australia

- South Australia has introduced pre-approval process for travellers wishing to enter South Australia. The Cross Border Travel Registration can be applied for online at www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application.

Northern Territory

- Anyone arriving into the Northern Territory from or through a declared hotspot in the last 14 days must undertake 14 days mandatory supervised quarantine. Travellers who previously held an exemption to travel from a hotspot this is revoked effective immediately. Information about the Northern Territory hotspots can be found at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/quarantine/hotspots-covid-19>

Tasmania

- Everyone coming to Tasmania must register to travel to Tasmania using G2G PASS. This includes those people wishing to apply for Essential Traveller status (or already holding Essential Traveller status). The G2G PASS can be accessed at www.g2gpass.com.au/.