



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES BORDER UPDATE

9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The VTA is urging members to note the following important information in relation to border controls in South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia has issued an updated [Emergency Management \(Cross Border Travel No 8\) \(COVID-19\) Direction 2020](#), which came into effect at 12:01am today (9 July 2020). **This Direction requires commercial transport and freight drivers who usually reside in Victoria to:**

- **wear a face mask** when interacting with the public in South Australia;
- **maintain records** of close contacts; and
- **self-quarantine in South Australia when not undertaking work related duties** (they may quarantine in their truck, or other private arrangement provided they are segregated from other people)

Transport workers who enter South Australia in the conduct of their duties are not required to self-quarantine, but **are required to complete a [cross-border pre approval form](#)**. SA authorities encourage specific questions about personal circumstances to be addressed to the dedicated **SA information line - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days on 1800 253 787**.

### QUEENSLAND

From 12:01pm tomorrow (Friday 10 July) freight operators entering Queensland are required to complete a [Queensland Border Declaration Pass](#). **This is a new requirement.**

The declaration will require drivers to state whether they have been in a COVID-19 [hotspot](#) in the previous 14 days (Queensland defines the entire state of Victoria as a hotspot).

Being present in a hotspot does not prevent drivers from carrying out their essential work and entering Queensland – but this question must be answered truthfully on the border declaration.

Queensland authorities will not physically stop trucks at the border, however they will conduct random spot checks. Authorities have advised freight and logistics providers are not required to quarantine - see Schedule 2 (6) of the [Border restrictions Direction \(No. 8\)](#). However, a person entering Queensland for an essential activity (including transport of freight and logistics) must:

1. keep and retain written records of close contacts for a 14-day period commencing on their date of arrival in Queensland, or, if they remain in Queensland for a period of less than 14 days, for that period; and



2. provide the records to an emergency officer (public health) if directed by an emergency officer (public health) or to a contact tracing officer; and
3. minimise contact with the community for a period of 14 days; and
4. to the extent reasonably practicable, practice social distancing including by remaining at least 1.5 metres from other people.

### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

The NSW Government is creating an additional permit to support critical freight and logistics workers to cross the Victorian border with NSW. This permit will allow people within the freight and transport industry to travel between NSW and Victoria for the purpose of their duties, providing their employer has a COVID-19 Safety Plan. They will **not** be required to quarantine.

The NSW Government has commenced the development of the new permit, which will be live through [Service NSW](#) by close of business today (9 July). COVID-Safe plans and guidelines to assist the industry are also available to align with this additional permit at [www.nsw.gov.au/covid/covid-safe-businesses](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid/covid-safe-businesses)

Please contact the VTA anytime on 03 9646 8590 any time if you require further information.