

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

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Western Australia zone changes

Over the weekend Western Australia (WA) recorded a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) and a number of WA areas entered lockdown from 6:00pm WA time on Sunday 31 January. Victoria's Chief Health Officer has [declared the following](#):

From 9:00pm Victorian time on Sunday 31 January 2021, **the Perth metropolitan area, the Peel region and the South West region of Western Australia will move from a green zone to a red zone** under Victoria's 'traffic light' travel permit system. The rest of Western Australia outside of these areas will remain a green zone.

If you have been in one of these currently listed red zones since 25 January, you will not be allowed to enter Victoria without an exception, exemption or permitted worker permit.

Commercial Freight Workers who are coming from a green zone only need a Green Zone Permit. Those coming from a red zone (specified areas in Western Australia) or orange zone (Cumberland LGA in NSW) 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 Code and includes:

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

You can apply for a Permit at [Services Victoria](#).

Information about Specified Worker Permits can be found on the [COVID-19 website](#):

Freight travel

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.

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

Ports of Entry Factsheets

Fact sheets covering employer obligations, worker information and testing options were updated on 25 January 2021 and are available on DHHS [Ports of entry sector guidance](#) webpage. These include:

- Testing information for maritime ports of entry **workers**
- Testing information for maritime ports of entry **employers**
- Testing options for workers at each of the four ports

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](#).

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.

Information about COVID-19 testing sites for interstate freight operators is available on the [National Heavy Vehicle Regulator \(NHVR\) website](#).

Further COVID information

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

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 webpage](#).

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.