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# Coming to Victoria – a guide to permits

**VICTORIA** State Government

This information is for people coming to Victoria from anywhere in Australia (Victorian residents and non-residents). It tells you the permit you will require and what conditions you need to follow. **All people in Victoria must abide by existing directions.**

When you apply for a permit you will be asked where you are coming from and where you are going. You will need to include these locations on your application and there will be conditions.

**It is an offence to provide misleading information, with fines of up to $1,652.**

| Traveler type | Red zone ✗ | Orange zone ⚠ | Green zone ✓ |
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| All travelers (without an exception or exemption or specified worker or transit permit) | **Cannot get a permit** (unless there is an exception, exemption or specified worker or transit permit).<br>Will be turned around at the border.<br>Will receive an on-the-spot fine at a Melbourne airport/seaport ($4,957) and<br>• if Victorian must quarantine at home for 14 days<br>• if a non-resident, will be returned to originating port at own cost. | **Permit required.**<br>Must not have:<br>• been in a currently listed red zone in the prior for 14 days (except for hotel quarantine or short-term transit)<br>• had close contact with a coronavirus (COVID-19) case<br>• any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.<br><br>**Must:**<br>• get a coronavirus (COVID-19) test within 72 hours<br>• self-isolate before your test and until a negative test result<br>• abide by existing directions. | **Permit required.**<br>Must not have:<br>• been in a currently listed red or orange zone in the prior 14 days (except for hotel quarantine or short-term transit)<br>• had close contact with a coronavirus (COVID-19) case<br>• any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.<br><br>**Must:**<br>• monitor for coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms<br>• abide by existing directions. |
| SA border residents | **Permit required**<br>Entering Victoria, apply through **https://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home**<br>Entering South Australia, apply through **https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application** | | |

| NSW cross border community residents | **Permit not required**<br>**Must:** be from a cross border community area, carry photographic personal identification and evidence of the current address where the person ordinarily resides (unless the person is under the age of 18), and abide by existing directions.<br>**Must not:** have been in a red or orange zone in the prior 14 days (except for hotel quarantine or short-term transit), have had close contact with a coronavirus (COVID-19) case or have any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms. If you have been in an orange zone in the past 14 days, you will need to obtain a travel permit. If you have been in a red zone in the past 14 days, you cannot get a permit (unless there is an exception, exemption or permitted worker permit). |
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| Emergency workers (exceptions) | **Permit not required for this emergency work:** emergency services, the provision of telecommunications, critical infrastructure, essential prevention and recovery from emergencies and essential public services (healthcare, care facility and child protection).<br>**Must:** carry a letter from their employer evidencing the need for that worker to travel across the border and abide by existing directions. |
| Completed hotel quarantine / self-quarantine in a red or orange zone | **Permit required**<br>If you have been in hotel quarantine in a currently listed orange or red zone, and you have completed your 14 days, you may apply for a green zone permit. However, you will need to have completed hotel quarantine, and immediately travel directly to Victoria once you leave hotel quarantine and provide evidence of your stay in hotel quarantine. |
| Other exceptions | **Permit not required if entering Victoria:**<br>• to provide, receive or accompany a dependant who is to receive, emergency or essential medical care or other urgent care.<br>• if the person is a school student travelling on a bus undertaking a usual or regular route to or from the school that the student is enrolled at<br>• to provide or receive emergency services or to ensure the delivery of essential public services<br>• to escape harm or the risk of harm, including harm relating to family violence or violence of another person<br>• for purposes related to shared custody arrangements (court ordered or non-court ordered)<br>• if the person leaves Victoria to travel along the Murray River. The person must not set foot on the banks of the Murray River on the New South Wales side or on the South Australian side. This does not apply to a restricted resident from a cross border community area.<br>• for the administration of justice<br>• for the purposes of state security or national security<br>• and if required or authorised by law.<br>**Must:** carry photographic personal identification and evidence of the current address where the person ordinarily resides (unless the person is under the age of 18) e.g drivers licence. |

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| **Direct and short-term transit through Victoria** | **Transit Permit required – valid for 24 hours**<br>Travelers entering Victoria for direct and short-term transit by air, sea, rail or road can apply<br>**Must:** carry the permit and photographic personal identification and evidence of the current address where the person ordinarily resides (unless the person is under the age of 18), abide by existing directions, and if travelling from a red zone or orange zone, minimise contact with others, practice physical distancing, wear a face mask in public, keep detailed records of each place visited. |
| **Specified workers** | **Specified Worker Permit required – valid for the period of work**<br>Workers undertaking specified activities such as agricultural production and distribution, laboratory and diagnostic services (**https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/travellers-eligible-to-apply-for-specified-worker-permit**) can apply<br>**Must:** carry the permit and photographic personal identification and evidence of the current address where the person ordinarily resides (unless the person is under the age of 18), only stay in Victoria for the period of work, get tested for COVID-19 once every 7 days, carry evidence of testing, minimise contact with others, and if travelling from an orange zone or red zone travel immediately to and quarantine for 14 days at their home or accommodation, and abide by existing directions. |
| **Commercial freight workers** | **Freight Worker Permit required – valid for 14 days**<br>Heavy vehicle drivers, rail crew and support workers can apply<br>**Must:** carry the permit and photographic personal identification and evidence of the current address where the person ordinarily resides (unless the person is under the age of 18), only stay in Victoria for the period required to provide the service, get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) once every 7 days, carry evidence of testing, minimize contact with others, wear a face mask in public, keep records of travel,  and abide by existing directions. |
| **Aircrew services workers** | **No permit required**<br>**Must:** abide by relevant airline requirements and the airline COVIDSafe Plan, travel directly to airport and designated crew hotel by private transport, wear a face mask during each flight to and from Victoria and when travelling between the designated crew hotel and the airport, stay in the designated crew hotel. |
| **Exemptions** | • **Must be applied for via the coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on 1800 675 398 or via Service Victoria https://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home**<br>• **Are limited and only granted in special cases.**<br>• **Applications made on emergency and compassionate grounds will be prioritised and processed as quickly as possible.**<br>• **All efforts are made to process other applications within a few business days.** |

**Latest details on the designated zones across Australia at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/travelpermits.**

**Apply for permits at www.service.vic.gov.au or by calling the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.**

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