

Protecting yourself from coronavirus

Important Information for Businesses



The Tasmanian Government has declared a State of Emergency and tougher border restrictions will be in place for people coming into Tasmania.

What does this mean?

Everyone coming into Tasmania will now be required to complete a Tasmanian Arrivals Card and quarantine for 14 days. This means domestic travellers from mainland Australia and those travelling from overseas.

Who is exempt?

See overleaf for details about who is exempt from the requirement to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Tasmania.

Penalties apply for non-compliance, may incur a penalty of up to \$16,800 or up to 6-months' jail, or both.

How will it work?

If you have an employee, contractor or other specialist providing an essential service

Businesses with a person travelling to Tasmania for essential services relating to Transport, Freight and Logistics or to provide specialist skills critical to maintaining key industries or businesses, need to complete a Tasmania Arrivals Card.

The Tasmanian Arrivals Card is available on-line, on the Spirit of Tasmania, at Ports, or at arrival at the airport. These need to be provided to Biosecurity Tasmania Officers upon arrival in Tasmania.

If you have a group of employees, contractors or other specialists requiring access to Tasmania who are not classed as essential travellers

It may be necessary to seek an exemption for a class of people required for the essential and proper functioning of Tasmania.

An application for an exemption can be made to the Secretary, Department of Primary Industries, Parks and Environment for an exemption. A form is available on the DPIPWE website: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au

If you have an employee, contractor or other specialist whom you know will need to travel to Tasmania in the future who you think meets the criteria

You may wish to fill in the Tasmanian Arrivals Card in advance and submit it to: Essentialtravellers@dpiipwe.tas.gov.au

This is not essential, as the Tasmanian Arrivals Card can be submitted to Biosecurity Tasmania Officers upon arrival in Tasmania.

If you have an employee, contractor or other specialist that needs to access Tasmania who may not match the criteria

If you consider the person's work reason for travel does not fit any of the definitions, or you are unclear, then an application can be made to the Secretary, Department of Primary Industries, Parks and Environment for an exemption prior to arrival. A form is available on the DPIPWE website.

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Compassionate Grounds

If you have an employee where the quarantine may lead to an unusual, undeserved or disproportionate hardship, an exemption may be applied for.

If you wish to seek an exemption on these or other grounds you must complete an application form. You may apply for this exemption via an **online form**. If your application has not been assessed and approved by the time you arrive in Tasmania you must begin the mandatory 14 days of quarantine until your application has been approved.

King and Flinders Islands

Travel requirements do not apply to Tasmanian residents on our islands, such as King and Flinders, flying into mainland Tasmania. This includes residents of the islands who must travel to mainland Tasmania via Melbourne, but only if transit is spent in Melbourne airport.

The requirements will apply to anyone travelling inbound to the islands from mainland Australia including residents returning to the islands.

Mainland Australians flying into our islands then onto mainland Tasmania will need to self-quarantine when they arrive.

Essential Traveller and Exempt Persons - Quarantine Requirements

The Director of Public Health will require those people who are deemed to be essential employees to meet a range of quarantine requirements. Details of these requirements can be found www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus

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Definitions of Essential Traveller

1. National and State Security and Governance

- a. Any Government senior official who in the carriage of his or her duties is responsible for the safety of the Nation or State against threats such as terrorism, war, or espionage, and is required to be present in Tasmania for such purposes;
- b. Active Military personnel required to be on duty in Tasmania while in Tasmania; and
- c. A member of the Commonwealth Parliament who is ordinarily resident in Tasmania.

2. Health Services

- a. A clinician in relation to health who is ordinarily resident in Tasmania and who is requested by the Secretary of the Department of Health, or his or her delegate, to return to Tasmania to present for duty in Tasmania.
- b. A clinician in relation to health who is requested by the Secretary of the Department of Health, or his or her delegate, to present for duty in Tasmania to perform, during the period in which the person will be present in Tasmania, duties unable to be appropriately performed by a person ordinarily resident in Tasmania.

3. Transport, freight and logistics

- a. Any person who in the carriage of his or her duties is responsible for provision of transport or freight and logistics into, within and out of Tasmania; and
- b. Flight Crew and ship crew.

4. Specialist skills critical to maintaining key industries or businesses

- a. Any specialists required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of competitive operations where the appropriate skills are not available in Tasmania, where the service is time-critical and where the provision of the service requires that the person be physically present in Tasmania.
- b. Any person who, in the carriage of his or her duties, is responsible, while in Tasmania, for critical maintenance or repair of infrastructure critical to Tasmania;
- c. Any person travelling from Antarctica directly to Tasmania.

5. An emergency service worker

- a. A paramedic, or an officer of Ambulance Tasmania within the meaning of the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*, who is returning to Tasmania as soon as practicable after providing medical transport to a patient or who is returning to Tasmania while providing medical transport to a person;
- b. A paramedic, or an officer of Ambulance Tasmania within the meaning of the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*, who is ordinarily resident in Tasmania and who is requested by the Commissioner of Ambulance Services, or his or her delegate, to return to Tasmania to present for duty in Tasmania.

6. Any other person, or class of persons, as exempted by the Secretary DPIPWE.

- a. Any other person, or member of a class of persons, in relation to whom, in the opinion of the Secretary DPIPWE, self-quarantine would lead to an unusual, undeserved or disproportionate hardship; and
- b. Any other person, or member of a class of persons, who, in the opinion of the Secretary DPIPWE, is essential for the proper functioning of Tasmania.