



# FACT SHEET

## WA BORDER CONTROL UPDATE: EXCERPT FROM WA PREMIER'S ACCOUNCEMENT

As of 08<sup>th</sup> October 2020

For full announcement see <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-travel-wa>

### COVID-19 coronavirus: Travel to WA

Exemptions for entering WA from interstate or overseas. Strict border controls are in place to limit the spread of COVID-19.

You cannot enter WA unless you are an exempt traveller. The Quarantine (Closing the Border) Directions, as amended, set out exempt traveller categories. Entry into Western Australia may be subject to terms and conditions, including a requirement to quarantine for 14 days. You may apply for an exemption via G2G PASS.

The categories of "exempt traveller" are set out in detail in the Directions. It is important that any person who is seeking to enter Western Australia reads and understands the categories of exempt traveller that are set out in the Directions. In summary, the categories include:

- any person performing a function under a Commonwealth law
- truck drivers who deliver goods to Western Australia as part of their normal duties
- people with specialist skills, involved in time-sensitive critical maintenance or repair of critical infrastructure
- people employed in agriculture, food production or primary industry who need to be in Western Australia
- FIFO workers, subject to requirements to isolate for 14 days at an approved location at their employer's expense
- emergency service workers
- compassionate grounds – including urgent and essential medical treatment, visiting a relative who has suffered a serious medical episode, or whose death is imminent, and to attend a funeral
- members of the House of Representatives and Senators of the Commonwealth Parliament
- carers and relatives who need to care for a dependent person in Western Australia
- dependent persons who need to enter Western Australia to be cared for by a carer or relative because they can no longer be cared for interstate



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- people whose residential facility, such as a boarding school, has closed, who need to return to Western Australia to stay with family or a carer
- people who need to enter Western Australia to comply with a court order.


### **What if I have been in Victoria or NSW in the last 14 days?**

Travellers who have been in Victoria or New South Wales in the previous 14 days will not be allowed into WA, unless they fall into one of the following categories:

- certain senior Government Officials
- certain active military personnel
- a member of the Commonwealth Parliament and any members of their staff travelling with them
- a person carrying out functions under a law of the Commonwealth
- the Premier of WA and any members of the Premier's staff
- a person coming to WA at the request of the Chief Health Officer or the Director General of Health
- any person (other than an airline or maritime crew member) responsible for transport or freight and logistics services into or out of WA
- in addition, persons falling into the above categories are required to comply with certain hygiene requirements during the 14 days after the date they entered WA.


If you have been in Victoria or New South Wales in the previous 14 days and do not fall into the above categories, you will not be permitted to enter WA unless you have written approval from the State Emergency Coordinator (or a person authorised by the State Emergency Coordinator) and comply with any terms and conditions imposed on entry to WA. This may include quarantine requirements.


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