Entry to Victoria – Restrictions
Travel from New South Wales

Sunday 20 December

Restrictions are in place for anyone travelling to Victoria from NSW.

A permit entry system is in place for anyone travelling from anywhere in New South Wales into Victoria. A permit is required by New South Wales residents traveling to Victoria, residents from other states travelling through NSW, and Victorians visiting NSW and returning home. These restrictions are to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and to protect everyone.

Red Zone and Hot Zone – no entry permitted to Victoria

From 11:59pm Sunday 20 December 2020, **Greater Sydney and the Central Coast** will be designated as a Red Zone. The **Northern Beaches** area is designated as a Hot Zone. Anyone trying to enter Victoria from a Red Zone or Hot Zone, in breach of the Chief Health Officer Directions, will be subjected to 14-day mandatory hotel quarantine.

Victorians returning home – by 11.59pm Monday 21 December

Victorians who are in, or recently visited or travelled through the Red Zone (Greater Sydney and the Central Coast, but not the Northern Beaches) have until 11:59pm Monday 21 December to return to Victoria. Victorians who have visited or travelled through the Hot Zone (Northern Beaches) are not permitted to enter Victoria.

If you are a Victorian returning home from a Red Zone you need an exemption to enter Victoria, must get tested within 24 hours of returning to Victoria, and must self-quarantine at home or other accommodation for 14 days from when you last attended a location in the Red Zone. You need to go directly to your home or accommodation and minimise any road stops.

Green Zone – entry permitted with permit

All other areas of NSW remain a Green Zone. Travellers coming from the Green Zone will require a border permit and are required to monitor for symptoms. If you have symptoms, you must get tested and stay home until you get your results.

If you are travelling from a Green Zone but have been in a Red Zone since 11 December 2020, you are not permitted to enter Victoria after 11.59pm on Sunday 20 December 2020, or 11.59pm on 21 December 2020 if you are Victorian.

You can also apply for a Green Zone permit if you are a truck or freight driver, or air freight worker travelling to Victoria for work and you haven't been to a Hot Zone.

Border Communities

Victorian and NSW border residents will be able to pass into Victoria on display of driver's licence or other formal ID. You can only enter Victoria if you have **not** entered a Red or Hot zone. If you do not have photo identification with your address on it, you can apply for a permit. People aged under 18 do not need to produce identification.

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If you live in a local government area that is exempt from border permits but you have been in, or travelled through a Red or Hot Zone, or you are required to self-isolate or self-quarantine in NSW, you cannot enter Victoria.

Travellers from NSW already in Victoria

If you have travelled through, visited or live in Northern Beaches, or other NSW exposure site, on or since Friday 11 December 2020, you must get tested and quarantine in your home or accommodation for 14 days from the date you left the area.

If you have travelled through, visited or live in Greater Sydney or Central Coast you should get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19). Stay at home until you receive a negative result. Once you have a negative result you can travel around Victoria, see friends and family, and go to the shops.

If you think you may have been exposed or you have been to these locations and are in Victoria, contact the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. Anyone who has been exposed to this outbreak - regardless of whether you live in Victoria, NSW or elsewhere – will be supported to safely and appropriately self-isolate and get tested. Accommodation and supplies will be arranged if required.

If you feel unwell or have even mild coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, get tested immediately and isolate until you get your result. Symptoms include fever, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, and loss or change in sense of smell or taste. If you are experiencing any symptoms, wear a fitted mask.

Getting Tested

Tests are free for everyone. There are almost 200 sites to get tested across Victoria. For more information go to www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19. At home testing may be available if you cannot get to a fixed testing site – call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

Face Masks

Carrying a face mask at all times is mandatory in Victoria. Fitted face masks are mandatory in airport terminals, on public transport, in taxis or ride share vehicles. Wearing a face mask in supermarkets, major shopping centres and other large retail settings is also mandatory in Victoria.

It is recommended you wear a fitted face mask during your flight. It is strongly recommended you wear a fitted face mask when you can't maintain 1.5 metres from other people in all other settings.

Traffic delays

The introduction of new border entry requirements from NSW is expected to delay traffic entering Victoria. Please be patient and follow the directions of police and authorised officers.

For the latest information go to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398. To apply for a permit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-border-crossing-permit