



CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Tasmanian border restrictions

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

All interstate and international visitors to Tasmania must complete a Tasmanian Arrivals Form. This can be completed [online](#) before arriving in Tasmania or upon arrival at terminals in Tasmania.

All Non-Essential Travellers arriving in Tasmania will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Tasmania.

If you meet the criteria for **Essential Travellers** status you may be exempted from the 14 day quarantine requirement but you must still comply with the conditions described in [Quarantine conditions for Essential Travellers](#).

You may apply to be considered an Essential Traveller based on compassionate or medical grounds, if your work is identified as essential, or for other reasons considered on individual merit by the Secretary of Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

See the [DPIPWE website for the Tasmanian Arrivals Form and Essential Traveller Status Forms](#).

What does quarantine mean?

During the 14 days of quarantine, you must stay at home or in your accommodation, except to access medical care. Don't go to public places, including work, school, childcare, university, shops or attend public gatherings. Only people who usually live with you should be in the home. Do not see visitors.

If you have applied to the Secretary DPIPWE to be considered for Essential Traveller status and your application has not been approved by the time you arrive in Tasmania, you must begin the mandatory 14 days of quarantine until your application has been approved.

Does this quarantine apply to Tasmanian islands?

Travel restrictions do not apply for people travelling from Tasmanian islands such as King and Flinders to mainland Tasmania. However, they will apply to anyone travelling to Tasmanian islands from mainland Australia, including residents returning home to the island. Mainland Australians flying into a Tasmanian island and then on to mainland Tasmania will need to begin their 14 days quarantine upon arrival at that island before continuing their journey onto mainland Tasmania.

Does this quarantine apply to Fly in Fly out (FIFO) workers?

A Tasmanian resident FIFO worker who believes they fall into one of the Essential Traveller categories (see overleaf) can apply via the Tasmanian Arrivals Form at the airport or [online](#).

Will freight still be able to come into Tasmania?

Freight will continue to come in and out of our state. Tasmanians can be assured we will have the essential supplies we need.

Where can I go for more information?

For the latest health updates on COVID-19 please visit www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus.

For travel and quarantine exemption information visit www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/coronavirus.

Who is an Essential Traveller?

Essential Travellers are defined under the following criteria:

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, for the limited period of delivery of persons, freight or logistics into, within and out of Tasmania, and for no other purpose.

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. Other persons, or class of persons that are:

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.

Assessed on an individual basis via application e.g:

- a. Compassionate grounds e.g. a person is travelling to Tasmania to visit a terminally ill relative.
- b. Medical grounds e.g. a person who travels to and from Tasmania to receive essential medical treatment on the mainland.
- c. Other reasons considered on individual merit.

Essential Travellers must still comply with the listed quarantine conditions in the direction made by the Director of Health under Section 16 of the *Public Health Act 1997*. These conditions can be found on the [**Quarantine Conditions for Essential Travellers**](#).