

Queensland border restrictions and passes

Frequently asked questions – 8 October 2021

Compliance with all aspects of an exemption or endorsement is critical. Expect compliance checks to be made.

General requirements

- It is time to review your business continuity plans to ensure critical operations can continue locally and are not impeded due to the public health requirements
- Various levels of protection to the public are achieved through:
 - restriction on the reasons to cross the border
 - COVID-19 vaccination
 - COVID-19 testing cycles
 - wearing a facemask where physical distancing from others is not possible
 - stay-at-home rules or a quarantine management plan— isolation from the general public while in Queensland
 - freight and logistics operators can operate under the Queensland Freight Protocol.

Types of Queensland border passes—[Queensland entry pass](#)

- **Unrestricted Border Zone Travel (X Pass)** – For New South Wales (NSW) unrestricted border zone residents entering Queensland for work that cannot be performed from home or a Queensland resident who entered the New South Wales unrestricted border zone and are re-entering Queensland.
- **Restricted Border Zone Travel (X Pass)** – For NSW restricted border zone residents entering Queensland for an **essential purpose** or a Queensland resident who entering the NSW restricted border zone and are re-entering Queensland.
- **Class exemption (Z pass)** – A class exemption granted by the Chief Health Officer for farmers and agribusinesses moving between Queensland and the restricted area of the NSW border zone until 30 November 2021 unless amended or revoked prior.
- **Specialist or essential worker (S Pass)** – A specialist or essential worker is a critical worker in the agribusiness supply chain who needs to cross the Queensland border from a hotspot and is not captured by the *farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption*.
- **Freight and Logistics Pass (F Pass)** – For those that have been in or transited through a currently declared COVID-19 hotspot in the previous 14 days and are requesting entry to Queensland to provide essential freight and logistics transport.

As a point of clarification, a person seeking entry into Queensland as either an ‘other essential worker’ or a ‘specialist or essential worker’ both use the same portal to apply for endorsement. The other essential worker category is intended for those moving between the NSW restricted border zone and Queensland and need to use an X Pass. The specialist or essential worker category is for workers from a hotspot outside the border zone and they need to use an S Pass.

The frequently asked questions have been categorised under the following topics:

- General
- Animal industries

- Plant or cropping industries
- Allied industries supporting farmers
- Fishing industry
- Agricultural transport industries

General

1. *I am a NSW resident in the non-restricted area of the border zone but travelled into the NSW restricted zone to care for my elderly parents. Can I still travel to Queensland for work that cannot reasonably be done from home as a non-restricted zone resident – X Pass?*

No. As you have been in contact with people from the NSW restricted border zone you can no longer use the X pass to travel into Queensland for work that cannot reasonably be performed from home.

You may be eligible to use the Farmers and Agribusiness Class exemption provided you meet the criteria outline in Schedule 1 of the class exemption. You must only remain in Queensland for the time necessary to perform the essential farming activities and remain isolated from the public in Queensland for 14 days or until you return to NSW.

If you are eligible to use the class exemption, you will need to prepare a [quarantine management plan](#) that describes how you will remain isolated from the general community.

You cannot travel outside the NSW border zone into the NSW hotspot areas. You can only travel across the border to Queensland to perform essential agribusiness services, and not for any other reason (e.g. recreational purposes or to visit family).

To enter Queensland, you will need to apply for a [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass. You will need to:

- have evidence that you have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and
- evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before your return.
- observe stay-at-home requirements
- wear a facemask whenever you can't physically distance
- have a quarantine management plan
- carry your documents with you at all times, including the class exemption letter and meet the conditions of the class exemption

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

2. *I am a farmer crossing the border regularly from my farm in the non-restricted NSW border zone to my farm in Queensland. What are my travel restrictions? Do I need to apply for an entry pass?*

You can apply for an X pass for work or volunteering that cannot be done at home.

Applicants are encouraged to check the latest [non-restricted border zone](#) list. These suburbs are subject to change.

To enter Queensland, you must have evidence that you have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and from 15 November 2021, will need to have evidence that you have either received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or have evidence of a booking for the second dose.

You must only enter Queensland to do that work and only for the time necessary to perform the farming activity. You will remain isolated from the public in Queensland and wear a facemask whenever you can't physically distance.

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Process: Non-restricted area entry to Queensland

Type of pass required: [Border Zone Travel \(X pass\)](#)

2.1. *What if my farm is in the restricted zone?*

If you have farms on both sides of the Queensland–NSW border and within the NSW restricted border zone, you can use the *farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption* to travel between the NSW border zone and Queensland.

Applicants are encouraged to check the latest [restricted border zone](#) list. These suburbs are subject to change.

You must only remain in Queensland for the time necessary to perform the essential farming activities and remain isolated from the public in Queensland for 14 days or until you return to NSW.

You will need to prepare a [quarantine management plan](#) that describes how you will remain isolated from the general community.

You cannot travel outside the NSW border zone into the NSW hotspot areas. You can only travel across the border to perform essential agribusiness services, and not for any other reason (e.g. recreational purposes or to visit family).

To enter Queensland, you will need to apply for a [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass. You will need to:

- have evidence that you have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and
- evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before your return.
- observe stay-at-home requirements
- wear a facemask whenever you can't physically distance
- have a quarantine management plan
- carry your documents with you at all times, including the [class exemption letter](#) and meet the conditions of the class exemption

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Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

3. *What evidence do I need to provide if I wish to enter under the farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption?*

You will need to provide the following evidence:

- that you have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- a negative COVID-19 test result received within 7 days prior to entering Queensland and maintain a rolling 7-day testing cycle

- that you have a quarantine management plan

You will need a [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

- your identity confirming a place of residence, for example a driver licence
- employment, contract, property ownership, lease or agistment arrangements.
- a copy of the [class exemption letter](#).

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Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

4. *Why should I comply with the public health directives?*

The emergence of new strains such as the COVID-19 Delta variant are testing Australia's public health response. One mistake could jeopardise the great work that our farming and agribusiness sector. Together all Queenslanders have done an excellent job to keep our communities safe, especially those in regional areas.

If you fail to comply with the requirements for travelling to Queensland you may be subject to enforcement, including an on the spot fine of between \$1,378 to \$4,135, a court-imposed penalty of up to \$13,785 or six months' imprisonment.

5. *What are the stay-at-home requirements?*

A Queensland resident who has travelled into the restricted NSW border zone must comply with stay-at-home requirements in a private residence on return to Queensland. Under these requirements, you must not leave the private residence except:

- to obtain a COVID-19 test
- to avoid immediate injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm
- in the event of an emergency situation
- to obtain food or other essential goods or services
- to obtain essential medical care or supplies or to fulfil carer's responsibilities
- to perform essential work, where the work cannot reasonably be performed from the residence
- exercising outdoors alone or with members of the household
- to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination, where you don't have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- for an end-of-life visit (with exemption from the Chief Health Officer and permission from the operator of the facility)
- to leave Queensland by air (except if identified as a close contact)
- as otherwise required under a direction given by an emergency officer (public health).

Further, up to 2 visitors per day are allowed to enter the residence, in addition to a person who:

- usually resides at the residence
- is required to enter the residence in an emergency
- is entering to provide essential health care

- is otherwise permitted to enter under a direction given by an emergency officer (public health).

Anyone who comes from the restricted border zone areas and that needs to stay overnight or longer in Queensland to complete an essential purpose must observe stay-at-home requirements.

6. *How long does a border pass last?*

A [Queensland Entry Pass](#) (Z pass, X pass, F pass and S pass) is valid for 14 days from the date of issue.

Once you receive your [Queensland entry pass](#) you will need to enter Queensland within 14 days. If you don't enter within this time, you will need to apply for new border pass.

You must complete the pass in the 3 days before you travel to Queensland. If you have not received an outcome on your application within 3 business days, contact [134 COVID \(13 42 68\)](#).

If you are doing subsequent entry and exits to Queensland over a period of time, you will need to apply for a pass every 14 days. Please note that a specialist worker endorsement, which is required to obtain an S Pass, is only valid for a single entry into Queensland.

7. *Do I need to have had a COVID-19 vaccine to enter Queensland?*

Nearly all entrants into Queensland must have evidence that they have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, however, freight and logistics operators have until 15 October 2021 to meet this requirement.

From 15 November 2021, nearly every entrant into Queensland, including freight and logistics operators, will need to have evidence that they have either received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or have evidence of a booking for the second dose.

Any exceptions to the second vaccination requirement are subject to change and it is strongly recommended that all intending entrants into Queensland work toward meeting the requirement to avoid being refused entry.

8. *What evidence do I need to provide if I wish to apply for an 'other essential worker' exemption to enter Queensland?*

You will need to provide evidence of:

- a written explanation of the essential activity you will be undertaking in Queensland
 - documentation that demonstrates why this service is critical to Queensland
 - why this activity cannot be performed by someone in Queensland
- a [quarantine management plan](#) that details how you will remain isolated from anyone else in Queensland
- a work health and safety risk management framework (e.g. a health management plan or work health and safety plan) from the Queensland business employing the specialist worker
- that you have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. From 15 November 2021, you will need to have evidence that you have either received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or have evidence of a booking for the second dose.

Please note endorsement as an 'other essential worker', applied for through the COVID-19 services portal, is required before applying for entry as an 'other essential worker' with an X Pass.

Process: Apply through the [COVID-19 services portal](#)

Type of pass required: [Border Zone Travel Pass](#)—X Pass

9. *What evidence do I need to provide if I wish to apply for an essential worker outside of the NSW border zone areas to enter Queensland?*

You will need to provide evidence of:

- a written explanation of the essential activity the specialist worker will be undertaking in Queensland.
- documentation that demonstrates why this service is critical to Queensland.
- documentation that shows why they can't employ someone from a non-hotspot area
- a [quarantine management plan](#) that details how you will remain isolated from anyone else in Queensland
- a COVID safe checklist: seasonal worker business and associated work health and safety risk management framework (e.g. a health management plan or a work health and safety plan) from the Queensland business employing the specialist worker
- that you have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. .

Please note endorsement as a specialist or essential worker, applied for through the COVID-19 services portal, is required before applying for an S Pass.

Process: Apply through the [COVID-19 services portal](#) for endorsement as a specialist or essential worker

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—specialist or essential worker—S Pass.

10. *I am eligible to travel between Queensland and the restricted border zone to undertake essential work. Can I attend functions in NSW (e.g. a funeral)?*

No. Exemptions to enter Queensland from the NSW border zone to undertake essential work (the *farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption* or *essential or specialist worker exemption*) do not apply if you have undertaken other activities in the NSW border zone, such as attending a funeral or wedding, participating in sport or holidaying.

If you are a Queensland resident returning to Queensland, you will be required to comply with general quarantine requirements to quarantine in a nominated premises for 14 days. If you're a NSW resident, you're not permitted to enter Queensland for these purposes.

Process: No access

11. *I live in Queensland and have a small property with cattle/horses in the non-restricted border zone areas. Can I travel across the border to provide welfare maintenance to my animals and return to Queensland?*

Yes. The work cannot be performed at home.

Process: Entry from non-restricted border zone areas

Type of pass required: [Border Zone Travel Pass](#)—X Pass

12. If farmers or farm workers have trouble entering Queensland, who can we call?

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is taking calls to assist in clarifying eligibility to enter Queensland. Regional staff can speak to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) staff at the border crossing points, however entry to Queensland is still at the discretion of QPS.

Please call DAF on 13 25 23.

13. I am an agricultural worker entering Queensland from the Northern Territory, what are my entry requirements?

While there are no hotspots declared in the Northern Territory, so you are able to enter Queensland. You must still complete a [Queensland Entry Pass](#) before entering Queensland.

If hotspots are declared within the Northern Territory, you would need to apply for an exemption as an essential or specialist worker. Be advised that should the Northern Territory be declared as a hotspot up to 14 days after your arrival in Queensland from that territory, you should seek a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. You may also be required to go into quarantine.

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)

14. Can screening be done through rapid antigen/saliva tests in pork processing and egg packing plants?

Rapid antigen/saliva testing is only used in some circumstances to test for COVID-19. It is usually supported through the more accurate and standard PCR swab test.

COVID-19 is a notifiable disease and all testing providers must immediately report any positive test results to Queensland Health.

Only the test results from a PCR test performed and analysed by a recognised service provider can be used to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test.

Animal industries

15. I am a registered veterinarian who treats large animals. Am I able to continue to travel across the Queensland–NSW border to provide veterinary services in the restricted areas?

You can cross the Queensland–NSW border and travel within the NSW border zone to provide emergency or time critical treatment for cattle, horses or other livestock where the veterinary service is not available in that area and there is a critical need to provide the service to avoid significant adverse animal welfare outcomes. Examples include severe colic treatment or colic surgery, severe dystocia (calving/foaling problems) where veterinary intervention is required, respiratory distress etc.

You will need to apply online for a [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z pass and follow the requirements in the class exemption letter, including evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result within the last 7 days and that you have had at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination.

You should stay in NSW for the minimum possible time to carry out the critical work, and you will need to prepare a [quarantine management plan](#) that describes how you will remain isolated from the general community.

Returning Queensland residents will need to follow stay-at-home requirements for 14 days and wear a facemask whenever physical distancing can't be maintained.

You are not able to cross into the restricted border zone areas to provide routine veterinary treatment or other services, e.g. drenching/worming, vaccination, pre-purchase examinations.

You are not allowed to travel outside the NSW border zone.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

16. *I am a commercial beekeeper and transporter and need to cross the border with the bees for timely pollination activities. Can I still do so?*

Commercial beekeepers can enter Queensland from NSW hotspot areas under the freight and logistics worker category. You must have a minimum of 50 hives and are registered as a commercial beekeeper in Queensland on your registered biosecurity entity. You will need to apply online for a [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass. You will need to have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before entering Queensland and maintain a rolling 7-day testing cycle.

From 15 October 2021, a freight and logistics operator entering Queensland from another state or territory will have to have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. From 15 November 2021, they will need to have either received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or have evidence of a booking for the second dose, to enter Queensland.

Beekeepers need to keep a work diary to manage fatigue if they are travelling more than 100 km from their home base. You will need to have a COVID safe plan that outlines how you will manage the risks from COVID-19.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Queensland Freight Protocol

Type of pass required: [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass or, if traveling to and returning from the non-restricted areas of NSW: [Border Zone Travel Pass](#)—X pass

17. *I am a beekeeper hobbyist and need to cross the border to look after my hives. Can I still do so?*

You may travel between the non-restricted areas of the NSW border zone and Queensland to carry out work.

Hobby beekeepers are not eligible to enter Queensland from a hot spot or from the restricted areas of the NSW border zone.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Entry from non-restricted border zone areas

Type of pass required: [Border Zone Travel Pass](#)—X Pass.

18. *I live in the non-restricted NSW border zone and commute daily to an abattoir in Queensland to work on the boning floor. I have specialised skills to carry out the work on special machines as well as manual precise boning techniques. Can I enter Queensland to work?*

Workers can travel from the non-restricted areas of the NSW border zone to Queensland to carry out work.

You will need to:

- have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- Follow stay-at-home requirements
- Wear a facemask whenever you can't physically distance

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Entry from non-restricted border zone areas

Type of pass required: [Border Zone Travel Pass](#)—X Pass.

19. *I am in an intensive animal production industry. What happens if one of my workers tests positive to COVID-19?*

It is not possible to be definitive about what actions will be required should a positive case emerge at a workplace. The response will depend on factors such as:

- how long the person was at the workplace
- what activities the person undertook in the workplace
- what contact the person had at the workplace
- the likelihood or not of contamination of the workplace
- measures in place in the workplace to prevent cross contamination and to maintain social distancing.

The work will be directed to carry out certain actions by a Queensland Public Health unit. It is likely that any identified close contacts will be directed to quarantine for 14 days and undertake regular testing and will not be permitted to work during this time.

It is recommended that you review your COVID-safe checklist and associated work health and safety risk management framework (e.g. a health management plan) and update where necessary to ensure that it is still fit for purpose in the current situation.

It is recommended that you continue to review your business continuity plans.

Plant or cropping industries

20. *I own and manage a farm with legumes and other crops on detached lots that are located on either side of the Queensland-NSW restricted border zone areas. Am I able to freely move across the farms by public roads and through the checkpoint?*

Travel to NSW should be delayed or avoided if possible. If you have farms that are dissected by the Queensland–NSW border, you can use the *farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption* to travel within the NSW border zone and return to Queensland. You should stay in NSW for the minimum possible time to carry out the critical work, and you will need to

prepare a [quarantine management plan](#) that describes how you will remain isolated from the general community.

You cannot travel outside the NSW border zone. You can only travel across the border to perform essential agribusiness services, and not for any other reason (e.g. recreational purposes or to visit family).

To return to Queensland, you will need to apply for a [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z pass. You will need to have evidence that you have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before your return. You must carry with you the [class exemption letter](#), the border pass, your quarantine management plan, personal identification, and evidence of your farm ownership (e.g. rates notice) or employment.

Once you return to Queensland, follow the stay-at-home requirements for 14 days.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

21. *I am involved in the grain harvest, working at grain receival depots on either side of the Queensland–NSW border. What are the requirements for travel across the border?*

Most of the grain silos and grain harvesting areas are not in the restricted areas of the NSW border zone. To cross into the non-restricted areas for work is allowed. You will need evidence that you have received the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and apply for a Border Zone Travel Pass—X pass.

If you have come from a hotspot or the restricted areas of the NSW border zone, you will need to apply for an exemption as an *essential or specialist worker*.

You will need to provide evidence of:

- a written explanation of the essential activity you will be undertaking in Queensland
- documentation that demonstrates why this service is critical to Queensland
- why this activity cannot be performed by someone in Queensland
- a [quarantine management plan](#) that details how you will remain isolated from anyone else in Queensland
- a COVID-safe checklist and associated work health and safety risk management framework (e.g. a health management plan) from the Queensland business employing the specialist worker
- at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

You must carry your letter of endorsement and quarantine management plan while in Queensland and comply with your quarantine management plan at all times.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Border Zone Travel Pass](#)—X Pass (in the non-restricted areas)

22. *My company is moving large grain harvesters in a convoy, along with support vehicles and workers. Can we enter Queensland and move across the border between properties?*

Harvesters, along with support vehicles and support or logistics workers, can enter Queensland under the Queensland Freight Protocol (F Pass). It is strongly recommended that you travel in convoy and bring all essential workers across the border together with the harvester vehicles. Essential workers required to support the harvest and logistics who travel in the convoy with the heavy vehicles enter Queensland under the F pass.

All workers will need to apply for a [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass and follow the requirements of the National Freight Protocol to enter Queensland. They will need to have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before entering Queensland and maintain a rolling 7-day testing cycle.

It is recommended that you prepare a movement plan that describes your intended route and travel across the border and identifies how all workers will remain isolated from the general community.

From 15 October 2021, a freight and logistics operator entering Queensland from another state or territory will have to have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. From 15 November 2021, they will need to have either received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or have evidence of a booking for the second dose, to enter Queensland. Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Queensland Freight Protocol

Type of pass required: [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass

Allied industries supporting farmers

23. I am harvester mechanic residing in Queensland and my clients are preparing for the upcoming harvest in NSW. Can I travel across the border and back into Queensland?

If your work is in the restricted border zone area, time critical and no other provider is available, you can use the *farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption* to travel to the restricted border zone areas and return to Queensland. You should stay in NSW for the minimum possible time to carry out the critical work, and you will need to prepare a [quarantine management plan](#) that describes how you will remain isolated from the general community.

In the case of a harvester mechanic entry would be on the basis that they are a specialist technician undertaking the maintenance or repair of agriculture-specific infrastructure and machinery. Please note that this does not provide for the entry into NSW and return to Queensland for a technician that only services non-specialised machinery, such as standard trucks, even if they are used by the agribusiness.

You cannot travel outside of the NSW border zone.

To return to Queensland, you will need to apply for a [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z pass.

You will need to have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before your return.

You must carry with you the [class exemption letter](#), the border pass, your quarantine management plan, identification, and evidence of your farm ownership (e.g. rates notice) or employment. In the case of a specialist technician, evidence of employment could include a contract or scope of work supplied by the client, that outlines the service that needs to be undertaken.

Once you return to Queensland, you will need to follow stay-at-home requirements for 14 days and wear a facemask whenever you can't physically distance from others.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

24. Does the class exemption cover employees of an agribusiness?

It is recognised that most farms have employees that are farming and if those employees are essential for time critical farming they are covered by the exemption. The class exemption applies to individuals, not business entities.

Travel to NSW restricted area and hotspots should be delayed or avoided if possible. If the work of the employees is essential to the agribusiness supply chain and time critical, you can use the *farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption* to travel within the NSW restricted border zone and return to Queensland.

If you need to travel to the NSW hotspot areas, you will need to apply for an exemption as an essential or specialist worker through the [COVID-19 services portal](#).

You will need to have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before your return.

You must carry with you the [class exemption letter](#), the border pass, your quarantine management plan, identification, and evidence of your farm ownership (e.g. rates notice) or employment.

Once you return to Queensland, you will need to follow stay-at-home requirements for 14 days and wear a facemask whenever you can't physically distance from others.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass or [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—essential or specialist worker—S Pass

25. I am in NSW and supply agricultural inputs such as pesticides, fertilisers, and tyres. Can I enter Queensland?

Travel between Queensland and NSW hotspot areas or restricted border zone areas is high risk and must be avoided if possible. There are exemptions for essential workers to come into Queensland, but these are only granted for critical reasons. This means that the work is so essential that without the worker, the facility or industry may be unable to continue, and that there is no-one else in Queensland who can perform that work.

A supplier of general agricultural inputs would not be eligible for an exemption. A supplier may be able to continue providing sales and advice virtually and use a commercial freight company to deliver any products.

Process: No access

26. Are specialist technicians from NSW outside the border zone able to enter Queensland under the class exemption?

No. The class exemption only applies to residents of Queensland and the NSW border zone.

Travel between hotspots and Queensland must be avoided if at all possible. There are exemptions for essential workers to come into Queensland, but these are only granted for critical reasons. This means that the work is so essential that without the worker, the facility or industry may be unable to continue, and that there is no-one else in Queensland who can perform that work.

If you believe you meet these criteria, you can follow the process apply for an exemption as an Essential or specialist worker through the [COVID-19 services portal](#).

You will need to have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before your return.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Apply through the [COVID-19 services portal](#)

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—specialist or essential worker —S Pass

27. I am based in Queensland and provide specialist agronomic services throughout Queensland and the New South Wales border zone including the restricted NSW border zone. If I enter NSW under the class exemption to provide time critical services, can I continue to service clients when I return to Queensland?

If you travel in the NSW border zone and re-enter Queensland under the class exemption, you must comply with the requirements to stay home in Queensland under Part 6A of the [Border Restrictions Direction](#) for 14 days since you were last in the restricted NSW border Zone.

The requirements are that you must stay at a private residence and only leave for a permitted purpose, including to perform essential work where the work cannot reasonably be performed from your residence.

You will need to follow COVID-safe practices, including isolating, maintaining physical distancing, keeping records of your contacts and following the requirements in your [quarantine management plan](#) (e.g. wearing a mask, arranging appointments or work so that contact with others does not occur).

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)—class exemption—Z Pass

Fishing industry

28. I am a commercial fishing operator living in the unrestricted NSW border zone and working from Queensland. Can I cross the border to come to work?

A general commercial fishing operator can cross the border into the non-restricted areas only use an X pass for essential purposes such as work.

You will need to have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Process: Non-restricted border zone crossing

Type of pass required: [Border Zone Travel Pass](#)—X Pass

Agricultural transport industries

29. Can I transport livestock or agricultural produce across the border into Queensland?

Livestock and produce can be transported across the border as commercial freight.

All commercial freight operators will need to apply for a [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass and follow the requirements of the Queensland Freight Protocol to enter Queensland. They will need to have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before entering Queensland and maintain a rolling 7-day testing cycle.

It is recommended that you prepare a COVID safe plan that outlines how workers will remain isolated from the general community.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Please note that current advice from the Queensland Police Service is that the X Pass (Border Zone) will no longer be valid when operating under the Queensland Freight Protocol.

Process: Queensland Freight Protocol

Type of pass required: [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass

30. I am an agricultural freight and logistics operator operating throughout Queensland and NSW. What are the rules and restrictions that I need to follow?

All operators will need to comply with all of the requirements of the Queensland Freight Protocol, and hold a [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass. They will need to have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before entering Queensland and maintain a rolling 7-day testing cycle.

From 15 October 2021, a freight and logistics operator entering Queensland from another state or territory will have to have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. From 15 November 2021, they will need to have either received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or have evidence of a booking for the second dose, to enter Queensland.

Operators will need to have a COVID safe plan to demonstrate how they will isolate from the local community.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Queensland Freight Protocol

Type of pass required: [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass

31. I am an agricultural freight and logistics operator operating only between Queensland and the NSW border zone. What are the rules and restrictions that I need to follow?

All operators will need to apply for a [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass and follow the requirements of the Queensland Freight Protocol to enter Queensland. They will need to have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before entering Queensland and maintain a rolling 7-day testing cycle.

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Process: Queensland Freight Protocol

Type of pass: [Freight and Logistics](#)—F pass

32. *I have returned from the NSW restricted border zone and am subject to the stay-at-home requirements. My spouse is a teacher—are they subject to the same stay-at-home requirements and can they work?*

Only the person working in the NSW restricted border zone is subject to the ‘Stay at home requirements’ for 14 days after they entered the NSW border zone. Other residents of the house can continue their daily activities, only 2 other people are able to visit your private residence per day.

If you were to test positive for COVID-19 as part of your rolling 7-day testing cycle then the whole household will be classed as close contacts and subject to home quarantine arrangements.

33. *I normally deliver processed food products into NSW using a refrigerated van. Can I still do that under the new border directions?*

Yes, if you are a commercial freight operator. You will need to abide by the National Freight Protocol and apply online for a [Freight and Logistics](#)—F pass and keep a work diary to manage fatigue if they are travelling more than 100 km from their home base.

When in Queensland you will need to comply with the Queensland Freight Protocol (which aligns with the National protocol with respect to testing and vaccinations. You will need to have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days before entering Queensland and maintain a rolling 7-day testing cycle.

If you exited your vehicle in an affected area, you need to have had a COVID-19 test in the 72 hours immediately prior to entering Queensland and to maintain a rolling 3-day testing cycle until you leave Queensland, or 14 days have passed, whichever is shorter.

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Process: Queensland Freight Protocol

Type of pass: [Freight and Logistics Pass](#)—F pass

34. *Are shearers able to cross the NSW border to enter Queensland from any hotspot including the NSW border zone under the class exemption?*

No. Shearers who are residents of the NSW restricted border zone areas would not be eligible to enter Queensland under the *farmer and agribusiness worker class exemption*.

They are able to apply for an exemption to enter as a *specialist or essential worker* (if outside the border zone), or *other essential worker* (if a resident of the restricted border zone area).

The Queensland farmer or business owner that the shearers will be working for must firstly demonstrate that they have seriously attempted to source workers from Queensland or outside of a hotspot area.

The agribusiness will need to demonstrate why the workers are critical to the Queensland industry and apply for an endorsement through the [COVID-19 services portal](#). You will need to provide evidence of the following:

- a written explanation of the essential activity you will be undertaking in Queensland
- documentation that demonstrates why this service is critical to Queensland
- why this activity cannot be performed by someone in Queensland
- a [quarantine management plan](#) that details how you will remain isolated from anyone else in Queensland
- a COVID-safe checklist and associated work health and safety risk management framework (e.g. health management plan) from the Queensland business employing the specialist worker
- at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

We encourage farmers and agribusinesses to review their business continuity plans to ensure operations can continue locally and are not impeded as the public health requirements tighten.

Use the [Check In Qld App](#) at the Queensland farms and agribusinesses you visit.

Process: Apply through the [COVID-19 services portal](#)

Type of pass required: [Queensland Entry Pass](#)— specialist or essential worker —S Pass or [Border Zone Travel](#)—X Pass