

QUEENSLAND BORDER CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

COVID-19 FACT SHEET

The Queensland Government has closed the border with NSW. Here's how it works.

To slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Queensland Government is implementing restricted entry to Queensland from 12:01am on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

These restrictions provide for the continuation of essential goods and services for Queenslanders.

INTERSTATE ARRIVAL RESTRICTIONS

Anyone who arrives in Queensland (via air, sea, rail or road) from another State or Territory (including returning Queensland residents) from March 26, 2020 must self-isolate for 14 days, unless they are an "exempt person".

EXEMPTIONS

Those living outside of Queensland who provide critical services to Queensland are exempt, including national/state security, essential health services, emergency services, transport of goods or freight including food, critical maintenance/repair to critical infrastructure, and mining/energy/agribusinesses who have a plan to manage COVID-19.

Queensland also allows a general compassionate grounds exemption, as well as specific exemptions for those living outside of Queensland.

Visit www.qld.gov.au for more info.

EXEMPTION FOR BORDER COMMUNITIES

To reflect the unique nature of the Queensland/NSW border, there is an exemption that allows people who live near the border who ordinarily work in Queensland to continue to travel for that work or study. This also applies for Queensland residents who travel to NSW for work or education.

The exemption only applies if the person does not propose to stay in Queensland for longer than reasonably necessary to attend work.

Residents should follow the clear advice to minimise movement however people are not banned from accessing local essential services and continue to travel for any kind of employment.

ENFORCEMENT

Queensland police and other emergency officers under the state's *Public Health Act 2005* will be responsible for enforcing the measures. Other Commonwealth officers may also be involved.

Specific processes apply for those entering Queensland through airports, who will be required to provide certain information.

Enforcement officers will also be monitoring the rail and seaports, as well as roads.

Fast facts...

- Cross border towns and communities will still be able to get access to the essential services they require, but travel should only be for essential reasons. Fines of up to \$13,000 apply.
- Social travel is banned but specific compassionate / family travel may be permitted.
- Border road closures will be in place for some secondary roads, and police checks are planned, including on major highways.
- Cross-border rail services will most likely terminate at Casino.
- The National Coronavirus Health Information Line number is 1800 020 080.
- Stay up to date on COVID-19: visit preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 for the latest information from the NSW Government.

To find out more go to www.qld.gov.au