

# COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET FOR BUSINESSES



## Restrictions have changed, and the Border Zone has been expanded to all of the Balonne Shire.

This includes:

- 2406** - Mungindi
- 4486** - Hebel and Dirranbandi
- 4487** - St George
- 4488** - Bollon
- 4497** - Thallon and Nindigully

Border Zone Residents can cross the QLD-NSW border with a permit, and travel within the Border Zone, as shown on the map

## HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY BUSINESS?

- ✔ People living in the Border Zone can travel to the Balonne Shire
- ✔ Freight transporters are allowed to cross the border
- ✘ People from outside the NSW Border Zone can't travel to the Balonne Shire
- ✔ Essential workers can come to Balonne Shire without quarantine

Due to outbreaks in Greater Brisbane, gatherings are restricted to 30 people, but **businesses with COVID-safe plans are exempt.**

If you've been to Greater Brisbane in the past 14 days and feel unwell, get a COVID-19 test and then isolate at home until you're cleared.

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## COMMON QUESTIONS

### Who is considered an essential worker?

There are five categories of essential workers:

- National and State Security and Government employees
- Health services and emergency services
- Transport, freight and logistics
- Specialist workers
- Air or maritime crews

Many professions fall under these categories. You can find the full list at the Queensland Government website, and the links below.

### Do essential workers have to quarantine?

**No.** Essential workers are exempt from quarantine, however, they can only stay in QLD while they are working.

### What proof do essential workers need?

All specialist workers who are undertaking essential activities in Queensland will need to provide evidence of the following to enter Queensland:

- The name of their employer
- That they are specialist worker, in a form approved by the Chief Health Officer
- That they are entering Queensland to go directly to work
- The location of the worksite or work camp
- The location of where they will be accommodated in Queensland while performing the essential activity.

### Can I still get my usual freight or equipment?

**Yes.** Workers providing transport, freight and logistics can enter Queensland. This includes freight transported via both road and rail. This includes food, goods for health services and pharmacies, and retail goods for grocery stores and petrol stations.

### Can my employees cross the border?

If your employees live in Queensland, or in the blue area of the border zone, yes they can cross the border.

However, if your employees live in NSW outside of the Border Zone, they will need an exemption for essential workers.

If they aren't an essential worker, and live in NSW outside of the Border Zone, they cannot come to QLD.

### Can I travel for business purposes?

Yes - if you are not travelling to a COVID-19 hotspot.

If you travel beyond the NSW Border Zone for any reason, or to the ACT or Victoria, you will have to pay for 14 days of quarantine in a government-approved facility when you return.

### For more information:

For additional information, Council recommends visiting these links:

**Border restrictions:** [latest information](#).

**Essential worker categories:** [exemption information](#).

**COVID-safe plan for business:** [resources](#).