



ESSENTIAL TRAVELLER STATUS TRUCK DRIVERS ARRIVING IN TASMANIA

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There has been some confusion about the Essential Traveller Status for truck drivers arriving back in Tasmania as part of conducting a freight task and where they are travelling with their truck. The confusion has been around whether these truck drivers need to apply for Essential Traveller status before they arrive in Tasmania, or whether they are already deemed Essential Travellers.

Where truck drivers are arriving in Tasmania with a truck as part of performing a transport, freight and logistics task, they do NOT need to apply in advance for Essential Traveller Status.

If there is any doubt about whether the driver arriving in Tasmania is clearly connected with the transport, freight and logistics task, then they should apply for Essential Traveller status.

A summary is below. The arrangements might change and the source of current advice is www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

1. There is a **State of Emergency** Declared in Tasmania.
2. There are specific conditions around any person entering Tasmania.
3. **Essential Travellers** are classified as "*Specified persons*" in a Schedule to the Directions.

There are 8 items on that schedule – as follows:

1. National and State Security & Governance
2. Health Services
3. **Transport, Freight & Logistics**
4. Specialist skills critical to maintaining key industries or businesses
5. Paramedics and ambulance officers
6. Police officers
7. Other persons or classes of persons previously determined to be Specified Persons
8. Other persons, or classes of persons, approved by the State Controller

Full details of the Essential Traveller Criteria is available here:

<https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/essential-travellers/essential-traveller-criteria>

4. All persons (including Essential Travellers) arriving in Tasmania are required to complete a **Tasmanian Arrivals Form**. People arriving in Tasmania can indicate on the Tasmanian Arrivals Form whether they seek Essential Traveller status. Arrivals Form is here: <https://dpiw.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/biosecurity-forms/covid-19-important-information-for-travellers>
5. Truck Drivers arriving in Tasmania with their truck should complete the Tasmanian Arrivals Form and seek Essential Traveller Status by completing the questions and details relating specifically to Essential Travellers.
 - a) Tick the criteria that they meet. For truck drivers, this will be the box for "transport, freight & logistics".
 - b) Provide a short justification for why they meet the criteria. Truck drivers should write details of their freight task as it relates to them entering Tasmania.

Essential Travellers must follow specific directions “for a period of 14 days of their arrival in Tasmania”. These are listed on this site: <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/travellers-and-visitors/essential-travellers/quarantine-conditions-for-essential-travellers>

It is also recommended that truck drivers have a **letter, on company letterhead**, setting out the details of their freight task. The letter should include the name and contact details including phone number of a representative of the Company who can be contacted to verify details and be signed by an authorised representative of the Company. TTA has worked with the Department of State Growth to develop the template below.

SAMPLE LETTER FOR TRUCK DRIVERS WHO ARE ESSENTIAL TRAVELLERS

COMPANY LETTERHEAD

DATE

To Whom it May Concern

ESSENTIAL TRAVELLER CONFIRMATION - Transport, Freight & Logistics

This letter confirms that **EMPLOYEE FULL NAME** is employed by **COMPANY NAME**, as a **TRUCK DRIVER**, and is arriving in Tasmania in the course of and as a direct requirement of conducting a transport, freight & logistics task.

They are an **Essential Traveller**, in accordance with Item 3 of the Schedule of Specified Persons , as set out in the Directions in Relation to Persons Arriving in Tasmania, made under the Emergency Management Act 2006, as set out below:

3. Transport, freight and logistics

a. Any person who, In the carriage of his or her duties, is responsible for the provision of transport or freight and logistics into, within, and out of Tasmania...

Their transport, freight & logistics task involves:

INSERT DETAILS OF THE TASK – EG MOVEMENT OF X TYPE OF FREIGHT FROM A TO B, FROM START DATE TO END DATE, THROUGH NAME OF STATES.

To verify this information, please contact:

NAME, POSITION AND PHONE NUMBER (*explanation – delete this text: this should be the details of person in the business who should be contacted to verify the information in this letter*)

SIGNATURE

**NAME OF PERSON SIGNING
POSITION IN THE BUSINESS**