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NSW/VIC BORDER AND SPECIFIED WORKER PERMIT CHANGES

From 11.59pm Thursday 2 September, the Victorian local government areas (LGAs) of Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton, City of Benalla, Buloke, Loddon and Yarriambiack, as well as the NSW LGAs of Broken Hill and Edward River, will no longer be included in the cross-border community area.

This means residents from these local government areas will no longer be eligible for a Cross-Border Extreme Risk Zone Permit to enter Victoria. Residents needing to enter Victoria for critical work purposes may be eligible for a [Specified Worker Permit](#).

It's important that businesses and their workers within the affected communities are made aware of the changes.

Information for specified workers

A [Specified Worker Permit](#) is required for any worker entering Victoria after 6pm on Friday, 3 September 2021.

There have been minor changes to the allowable work under the Specified Worker Permit. The list of allowable work under the Specified Worker Permit is available on the Victorian Government's [COVID-19 website](#).

Evidence is required, such as a letter from an employer on company letterhead and needs to be carried both when entering Victoria and after entering Victoria.

Strict testing and isolation requirements will apply for permit holders. For a full list of industries and workers eligible to apply, please visit the [COVID-19 website](#).

Workers can apply for a permit on the [Service Victoria website](#) and via the Service Victoria app.

Vaccination appointments update

Getting vaccinated has never been more important. The best vaccine is the vaccine you can get today. While there are limited Pfizer appointments because of supply, there are 72,745 AstraZeneca appointments available across Victoria over the next three weeks. AstraZeneca is a safe and effective vaccine.

All Victorians are encouraged, where possible, to book their vaccination appointment by visiting portal.cvms.vic.gov.au or by phoning the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

Truck curfew exemptions

The Victorian Government has lifted truck curfews across the state until 11.59pm 23 September 2021. This supports deliveries to Victorian pharmacies and supermarkets during the current COVID-19 restrictions.

Heavy vehicles can pass time-based curfew 'no trucks' signs when making grocery deliveries to supermarkets or personal hygiene products to retail outlets.

Heavy vehicles can also remain in loading zones for the time required to make these deliveries.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is monitoring and enforcing compliance in curfew areas.

The Department of Transport continues to work with local government, communities and industry to ensure truck curfews are not enforced on Victorian roads during the exemption period.

For more information go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Regards

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