



Enquiries to: Office of the Chief Health Officer
and Deputy Director-General,
Queensland Health

Queensland Health

Mr Robert Gee
Director-General
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Dear Mr Gee

Approval for farmers and agribusiness workers to move across the Queensland border by air or road for farming and agribusiness – *Border restrictions Direction (No. 29)* or its successors

I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, have provided an exemption on the conditions set out below for farmers and agribusiness workers as an exempt class of persons under *Border restrictions Direction (No. 28)* or its successors, or unless amended or revoked, for the farmers and agribusiness workers described below.

This approval does not apply to workers involved in picking, packing, sorting, and meat processing, and does not permit farmers and agribusiness workers to enter Queensland for any other purpose as per the *Border restrictions Direction (No. 29)*.

Queensland residents

Queensland residents who are entering Queensland by air or road -

- a. after entering a COVID-19 hotspot in New South Wales to perform essential agribusiness services for the agriculture supply chain or farming activities that can only be performed in the COVID-19 hotspot; or
- b. after entering a COVID-19 hotspot in New South Wales to access or provide timely veterinary services, or to provide care for livestock, that can only be accessed or provided in a COVID-19 hotspot.

New South Wales residents

New South Wales residents who have been in a COVID-19 hotspot in New South Wales who are entering Queensland by air or road -

- a. to perform essential agribusiness services for the agriculture supply chain or farming activities that can only be performed in Queensland; or
- b. to access or provide timely veterinary services, or to provide care for livestock, that can only be accessed or provided in Queensland.

No travel to Greater Sydney

Farmers or agribusiness workers who have travelled to a **Greater Sydney local government area** are not permitted to enter Queensland under this exemption unless 14 days has passed since they were in Greater Sydney. Only travel to a New South Wales COVID-19 hotspot outside of Greater Sydney is permitted, for the purposes stated above.

The **Greater Sydney local government areas** are:

Bayside
Blacktown
Blue Mountains
Burwood
Camden
Campbelltown
Canada Bay
Canterbury-Bankstown
City of Sydney
Cumberland
Fairfield
Georges River
Hornsby
Hunter's Hill
Inner West
Ku-ring-gai
Lane Cove
Liverpool
Mosman
North Sydney
Northern Beaches
Parramatta
Penrith
Randwick
Ryde
Strathfield
Sutherland
The Hills
Willoughby
Woollahra
Sydney Harbour – Unincorporated Area

Queensland Border Declaration Pass and documents

Before travelling to Queensland, farmers and agribusiness workers must complete a Queensland Border Declaration Pass.

They must carry the following documents, and present them if requested by an Emergency Officer (Public Health):

- evidence of their identity confirming their place of residence, for example a driver licence;
- evidence of their employment, contract, property ownership, lease or agistment arrangements;
- a copy of this class exemption.

Surveillance Testing

From 30 July 2021, farmers and agribusiness workers covered by this exemption must not enter Queensland unless:

- (a) they have evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result received within 7 days prior to entering Queensland; and
- (b) they have maintained a rolling 7-day testing cycle while they continue to travel into and out of COVID-19 hotspots, if applicable; and
- (c) they can provide evidence of their compliance with the testing obligations in subparagraphs (a) and (b) if requested by an Emergency Officer (Public Health).

Other conditions

As an exempt class of person, farmers and agribusiness workers:

- a. must put in place a Quarantine Management Plan (which includes mandatory mask wearing, use of the Check In app where possible, and keeping records of movement by the applicant which can be provided if requested by a Queensland Government representative);
- b. must travel directly to and from the relevant farm or premises; and
- c. must only exit their mode of transport to access rest stop facilities, refuelling, and activities directly related to their agribusiness activity or to meet required regulation activities such as workplace health and safety or fatigue management; and
- d. may stay at overnight accommodation when necessary in order to fulfil fatigue management requirements; and
- e. who are Queensland residents must remain isolated, to the extent reasonably practicable, from the general public at the agribusiness or farm in New South Wales until the person returns to Queensland; or
- f. who are New South Wales residents must remain isolated, to the extent reasonably practicable, from the general public at the agribusiness or farm in Queensland until the person departs Queensland or for 14 days, whichever period is shorter. They must only remain in Queensland for the time necessary to perform the essential agribusiness or farming activities.

The class exemption does not apply to anyone who has:

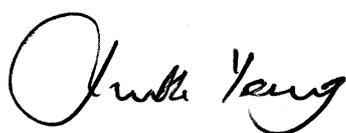
- Been to an interstate exposure site or is a close contact of someone who has been to an interstate exposure site; or
- Had known contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19; or
- Symptoms consistent with COVID-19, unless cleared by a medical practitioner and able to provide a negative COVID-19 test no greater than 3 days prior to travel; or
- Been to a Greater Sydney local government area, unless 14 days have passed since the person was in Greater Sydney.

Approval as farmers and agribusiness workers is valid for entry to Queensland until **11:59pm on 20 August 2021** unless amended or revoked.

I note your advice that all agribusiness supply chain businesses seeking to use the class exemption will be required to show evidence that they first attempted to source the skills from a non-hotspot in another state or territory and that it has either been genuinely not possible to do so or is cost or time-prohibitive to do so.

This exemption has been approved based on the Public Health Directions and COVID-19 hotspot declarations in place at the time of approval. It is each farmer's and agribusiness worker's responsibility to review the Public Health Directions and hotspot declarations at the time of their entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.

Yours sincerely



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