

Protecting yourself from coronavirus

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A State of Emergency has been declared in Tasmania.

From midnight, Friday 20 March 2020, tougher border restrictions will be in place for people coming into Tasmania.

All travellers are required to quarantine for 14 days unless they meet essential traveller or exemption criteria.

All travellers to Tasmania will be required to fill in a Tasmanian Arrivals Card and be screened upon arrival.

You may apply for an exemption from quarantine requirements if quarantine will cause unusual, undeserved or disproportionate hardship in the opinion of the Secretary of DPIPWE.

Process to make an Application

The application must be made prior to travelling Tasmania. Fill the Application Form out electronically and submit online.

A separate application is required for each individual, including children (if applicable).

Your application will then be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment (DPIPWE) for assessment.

In very exceptional circumstances, a hard copy of the Application Form may be filled in upon arrival in Tasmania and hand your form in to Biosecurity Tasmania staff.

You must identify to Biosecurity Tasmania staff that you wish to make a Hardship Application. Quarantine must be practiced until your application is assessed. Significant penalties apply for non-compliance.

How will my application be assessed?

Each case will be assessed on its merits by the Secretary, DPIPWE. Sufficient information must be provided to enable an assessment to be made.

Important: Your exemption will only be granted for a short time or specific purpose.

What do I do once I fill out the form?

If you have arrived in Tasmania without an exemption, you are required to isolate yourself until such time that you are advised by the Secretary of the DPIPWE that an exemption has been granted for your application under Item 6 of Schedule 1.

When will I know if my exemption has been granted?

You will receive a letter or email from the Secretary of DPIPWE advising you of the decision of your application.

What if I am not sure if I can an exemption?

If you need assistance in filling out the Application Form or have any questions, contact us via:

Essentialtravellers@dpiuwe.tas.gov.au

Where can I find more information?

For information about the Tasmanian Arrivals Card and the Application for exemption from self-quarantine requirement, go to the DPIPWE website: <https://dpiuwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/biosecurity/biosecurity-forms/covid-19-international-travellers-registration>

Or the Tasmanian Public Health website:

https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/communicable_diseases_prevention_unit/infectious_diseases/coronavirus