

BULLETIN

Workplace Relations



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Lockdown restrictions extended to Regional Victoria from 1pm today

The Victorian Premier has today [announced](#), that with the **exception of curfews**, the **current restrictions in place in Metropolitan Melbourne will be extended to all of Victoria from 1pm today, Saturday 21 August 2021 until Thursday 2 September 2021.**

As part of the announcement, the Victorian Premier released an updated [Table of Restrictions](#) and advised that **Regional Victoria** will have until **11:59pm Monday 23 August 2021** to issue **Authorised Worker Permits** to employees required to attend the work premises to perform authorised work.

Accordingly, throughout **Victoria**, there will be five reasons for people to leave their home:

- getting necessary goods or services
- care or other compassionate reasons
- exercise (up to 2 hours per day)
- authorised work and permitted education if it can't be done from home
- to get vaccinated at the nearest possible location (and other specified reasons).

The limitation on exercise and shopping remain **five kilometres from home** – or the closest location (if not within the five kilometre radius).

Members are reminded that currently, the following automotive industry businesses can continue to operate throughout **Victoria** as **authorised providers and workers**:

- Petrol stations, including a petrol station that sells groceries
- Vehicle and mechanical repair services
- Contactless 'Click and collect/deliver' services
- Emergency repair workers
- Roadside assistance services
- Ancillary and support businesses, where necessary for the operations of an authorised provider
- Administrative services provided by an employer to enable its employees to work from home – e.g. payroll and IT services
- Truck stops and roadhouses, but not the provision of seated dining or shower facilities to persons who are not transport, freight or logistics drivers.

Work Permits

Authorised workers in **Metropolitan Melbourne** continue to be required to **carry permits** when working, and when travelling for work, with this requirement commencing for **authorised workers** in **Regional Victoria** from **11:59pm Monday 23 August 2021**. The permits will need to be **certified by the employer**. Members in Regional Victoria can access the **Authorised Worker Permit template [here](#)**, and are encouraged to review our last **Bulletin [here](#)** for further information.

Face coverings

Must be carried at all times and **worn indoors and outdoors** except if at home, or when visiting an intimate partner's place of residence or if an exemption applies.

Density quotients

For the above workplaces that are authorised to remain open during the lockdown, density quotients in shared spaces and publicly accessible areas at the work premises of **1 person per 4 square metres**.

QR Code Requirements

The electronic record keeping requirements through **Victorian Government QR Code Service** will continue to apply for those businesses that are eligible to continue operating, including the requirements to make reasonable efforts to ensure people check-in and to prominently display signage at each entrance so that members of the public can check-in.

COVIDSafe Plan

VACC recommends that COVIDSafe Plans should be reviewed to ensure it remains current and that cleaning, signage, record-keeping and other applicable requirements are being adhered to and communicated with all relevant staff. Members are encouraged to contact the VACC OHSE Unit for any further information or assistance, including in relation to their [COVIDSafe Plan obligations](#) on 03 9829 1265.

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