

### Victorian Premier announces changes to travel permits and updated Directions issued by Acting Chief Health Officer

The Victorian Premier has today [announced](#) that changes to Victoria's **travel permit** system will take effect at **11:59pm on 19 October 2021**. The announcement states that from that time, fully vaccinated people entering Victoria from New South Wales **red zones** will need a negative result from a test taken no more than 72 hours prior to entry – and that once they enter, they must isolate, get tested again within 72 hours, and stay isolated until they get a negative result.

The announcement further states that people entering Victoria from **red zones** who aren't fully vaccinated (including those with medical exemptions) will need a negative result from a test taken no more than 72 hours prior to entry – and that once they enter, they must quarantine for 14 days, get tested again within 72 hours of their entry, and again on Day 13 of their quarantine.

In relation to **orange zones**, the announcement states that fully vaccinated people will no longer be required to get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result, meaning that no requirements will apply to them other than the need to hold a valid permit – however, conditions are not proposed to change for people who aren't fully vaccinated, including those with medical exemptions.

The announcement also indicates that these changes will also apply to **specified worker permits**, with relaxed conditions for workers entering from red and orange zones if they are fully vaccinated.

Members will be further updated once Directions giving effect to this announcement have been issued.

#### Updated Directions issued by Acting Chief Health Officer

Members should also note that the following updated Directions were released by the Acting Chief Health Officer at **11:59 last night, 14 October 2021**:

- [COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination \(Workers\) Directions \(No. 2\)](#)
- [Restricted Activity Directions \(Restricted Areas\) \(No. 22\)](#)
- [Restricted Activity Directions \(Regional Victoria\) \(No. 15\)](#)

Members should note that whilst the changes are minor as they relate to the automotive industry, members should ensure that any correspondence that they issue **in future to workers** referencing the Directions – are **updated to reflect the latest iteration**.

Further to our last [Bulletin](#), VACC have updated the reference to the COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions in the [Consultation Template](#) and [Confirmation of Termination Template](#) accordingly.

Members are reminded that they are strongly encouraged to seek member-specific advice and assistance from the IR Department before actioning the above, to ensure that the written correspondence provided to an employee reflects the consultation process that has occurred – and that it is undertaken in a lawful and procedurally fair manner.

Members seeking further advice or assistance are encouraged to contact VACC's Workplace Relations team on 03 9829 1123 or [ir@vacc.com.au](mailto:ir@vacc.com.au).

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