



A message from the CEO

COVID-19 Update 14/08



Border restrictions tightened

A new SAPOL direction has been issued which suspends the Essential Traveller category Cross Border Community Member from 21 August. This means further restrictions will apply to people wishing to enter South Australia from Victoria.

If you, or one of your employees, currently has the Cross Border Community Members status you can re-apply to be an Essential Traveller if you fit into another category. A seven day transition period, ending at 00:01am Friday 21 August, will apply to allow new applications to be made.

Persons wishing to enter South Australia from Victoria may re-apply under the following categories:

- National and State Security and Governance;
 - Emergency Services (SA Health approved);
 - Freight and Transport;
 - Urgent Medical, Dental, Health (SA Health approved);
 - Compassionate grounds (SA Health approved);
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- Specialist workers in Essential Sectors (includes Primary Industries and Agriculture).

I am aware that this new direction will impact a number of our members and in response, I will be writing to seek further clarification from SAPOL around who will be considered a 'specialist worker in essential sectors'.

Make sure when applying for Essential Traveller Status you have proof and a good description of why you need to cross the border. This will assist police in reviewing your application. If you do not meet the criteria of an Essential Traveller you will no longer be able to enter South Australia from Victoria.

[Click here](#) for more information regarding cross border travel.

ASIC Product Intervention Proposal

We are disappointed to learn that ASIC intends to proceed with a specific sale of motor vehicles product intervention order (PIO), against a backdrop of economic and health impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a continuing trend of declining vehicle sales nationally and the Holden Senate Enquiry.

ASIC's proposal is insensitive to the significant challenges faced within the automotive industry and in response, we will be requesting a deferment of the proposed PIO at this time.

This decision follows a consultation process with our members and a submission we provided to ASIC late last year which opposed the proposal for a PIO, and urged that further consideration be given to the proposal to ensure suitable outcomes for consumers and industry.

New Economic and Finance Committee Inquiry

Has the stage 4 lockdown in Victoria and global impacts of COVID-19 created problems in getting parts or stock? Then we want to hear from you.

The Parliament of South Australia's Economic and Finance Committee (Committee) has recently commenced an inquiry into essential production and supply chain security in the context of emergency circumstances in South Australia.

Further information about the inquiry and its terms of reference is available [here](#).

To let us know how your business has been affected, please [click here](#).

COVID-Safe Plans

There has been much confusion about whether a business requires a COVID-Safe Plan, and this has not been helped by conflicting media reporting.

Presently, you only need a COVID-Safe Plan for the following business activities:

- onsite purchase and consumption of food or beverages (whether occurring in an indoor or outdoor area)
 - sport (including sports training), fitness or recreation activities
 - indoor public meetings
 - ceremonies
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- provision of personal care services
- provision of public entertainment
- provision of recreational transport
- the operation of a nightclub
- the operation of relevant licensed premises
- the operation of a casino or gaming area
- auctions and inspections of premises for the purpose of sale or rental of any property
- driver instruction.

While this means that the majority of our members do not require a Plan, we have heard from some members that police have incorrectly been issuing directions to complete a Plan or face a fine.

We have written to SAPOL and the Chief Public Health Officer about these concerning interactions, and SAPOL have confirmed the above arrangements.

If you have any further questions or are unsure about the requirement to hold a COVID-Safe Plan, please contact the WR team at wr@mtasant.com.au or on 8291 2000.

Once again, stay safe and enjoy the weekend. Don't laugh too much at my hair in this Friday's CEO video, I didn't get a chance to get to the hairdresser this week!

Regards

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