

# COVID-19 coronavirus: Travel to WA

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## WA State border closure

Strict border controls are in place to limit the spread of COVID-19.

You cannot enter Western Australia unless an exemption has been granted.

Anyone who thinks they meet the criteria outlined in the [Quarantine \(Closing the Border\) Directions](#) may apply for an exemption.

### Exemptions apply for:

- senior government officials in the course of duties
- members of the Commonwealth Parliament and their staff
- active military personnel on duty in WA
- specialist skills not available in WA
- emergency service workers
- judicial officers or staff members of a court, tribunal or commission
- persons carrying out a function under a law of the Commonwealth
- health services when requested by the Chief Health Officer of the Department of Health
- FIFO workers and their family members
- urgent and essential medical treatment
- attending a funeral of a relative or visiting a relative who is critically ill or whose death is imminent
- transport, freight and logistics (not including airline and maritime crew members)
- compassionate grounds
- otherwise seeking approval to enter WA.

How do I apply for an exemption?

If you believe you fall under an approval to travel category, there are two ways you can apply for approval to travel:



1. Use the G2G PASS app to apply for approval to travel, and receive proof of your exemption prior to travel. Visit the [G2G PASS website](#).  
Or

2. Complete the paper-based exemption application form prior to travel and submit to WAEntryRequest@police.wa.gov.au with supporting documentation.

If you are **requesting entry on compassionate grounds**, or otherwise seeking approval to enter WA, **you must not enter WA until you have received approval** from WA Police via the G2G PASS app or email. Submitting an application for the reasons above does not constitute approval.

If you apply for approval to travel via the G2G PASS app, a QR code will be generated which can be displayed on a mobile phone and/or through a vehicle window without human contact.

If you apply for an exemption, you must carry your exemption form and proof of its submission when travelling. You may be asked to produce this documentation at a checkpoint or by WA Police patrolling the area. If your exemption category requires further documentation or proof, you must produce this on request. Failure to produce this documentation may result in penalties including imprisonment or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$250,000 for organisations.

# COVID-19 coronavirus: Regional travel restrictions

Travel regional restrictions, boundaries and exemptions.

## COVID-19 coronavirus: WA Roadmap

Here you will find our roadmap to carefully ease COVID-19 restrictions, including what this means for community and business.

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### WA's four-phase roadmap



#### Phase 1 – in place from 27 April 2020

- indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings of up to 10 people
- outdoor personal training without shared equipment
- recreation activities in compliance with travel restrictions and the 10-person rule, such as private picnics in the park, fishing, boating, hiking and camping
- home opens and display villages open, in compliance with 10-person rule, appropriate record keeping and hygiene practices.

#### Phase 2 – Monday 18 May 2020

Social distancing, good hygiene and the 4sqm rule apply to all activities.

##### Public gatherings

- indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings of up to 20 people
- weddings and funerals up to 20 people inside or 30 outside.

##### Dining out

- cafés and restaurants with meal service, including within pubs, bars, clubs, hotels and casino
- up to 20 patrons.

##### Return to work

Western Australians are encouraged to return to work, unless they are unwell or vulnerable.

## Regional travel



Restrictions relaxed, with travel allowed between:

- South West, Great Southern, Wheatbelt and Perth-Peel regions
- Mid-West, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions (excluding the biosecurity zone)
- Goldfields-Esperance region (excluding the biosecurity zone)
- within Kimberley Local Government areas (the Commonwealth's biosecurity zone remains in place).

Travel exemptions will be required to travel between these regions.

### Fitness and recreation

- non-contact community sports up to 20 people
- outdoor or indoor fitness classes with minimal shared equipment, up to 20 people
- public pools (1 indoor and 1 outdoor) permitted to open under strict rules and up to 20 patrons per pool.

### Community facilities

- places of worship, community facilities and libraries permitted to reopen
- up to 20 patrons.

### Advice for business

Businesses seeking to reopen, including hospitality, sports and recreation, community and cultural venues, will need to complete an official [COVID Safety Plan](#). The WA Government has begun consulting with key stakeholders to develop COVID Safety Plans and Guidelines, which will be available here this week.

This includes consultation with the hospitality, community and cultural venues, and sport and recreation sectors.

### **Phase 3 – will be finalised in the coming weeks**

Phase 3 will be based on the Chief Health Officer's advice, taking into account infection rates across WA. It is expected to be implemented about 4 weeks from the start of Phase 2.

Phase 3 is expected to include:

- further increases in number of people allowed at indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings, including patrons at cafés, restaurants, weddings and funerals
- possible further relaxation of regional travel restrictions
- restrictions further relaxed for gyms, health clubs and indoor sport centres
- contact community sport (indoor and outdoor) permitted, with gathering limits
- beauty therapy and personal care services permitted
- auction houses and real estate auctions permitted (not just online, as it is currently)
- public playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment, skate parks, zoos, cinemas, galleries, museums and concert venues permitted to open, with gathering limits.

### **Phase 4 – to be confirmed**

Phase 4 will be assessed and finalised in due course. Western Australia's interstate border closure will remain in place. It's expected to be the final restriction lifted.