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South Australia assesses the current situation against the recommendations of the Prime Minister. It has been determined by the State Coordinator Commissioner, Grant Stevens that South Australia is currently in a better situation than other states. He feels that the current restrictions are working well in flattening the curve. This situation is assessed on a day to day basis and decisions will be made on any further restrictions according to advice from SA Health.

What is the online pre-approval process? Do I need to complete it?

Yes. If you are travelling into South Australia, by road or via the Adelaide airport, you need to complete the [cross border travel registration](#) prior to your arrival.

Note: South Australia Police would like to advise that we have received an unprecedented number of Cross Border Travel Registrations.

Consequently, we are currently experiencing a delay in application processing times, and wish to advise that all Cross Border Travel Registrations will be processed as quickly as possible.

If you have already completed the Cross Border Travel Registration, please commence your travel plans to South Australia and have all relevant documentation available to present to SA Police at the border.

On arrival in South Australia, travellers will be processed by SA Police to verify identification and their purpose of travel.

Applicants Cross Border Travel Registrations will be assessed independently to their entry at the border, airport, or port, and applicants will be contacted via email or phone to confirm their traveller status.

When did the border restrictions coming into effect?

The new border restrictions came into effect as of 12:01am on Thursday, 9 July 2020.

I am in Victoria and wish to enter South Australia. Am I allowed to?

Victorian residents, other than Essential Travellers will not be permitted to travel to South Australia. People who ordinarily reside outside of Victoria can enter South Australia and should familiarise themselves with restrictions.

I am a Victorian resident and want to come to South Australia? Can I?

No. Victorian residents are not permitted to enter South Australia unless they are an Essential Traveller.

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I am a South Australian resident and want to return home from Victoria? Am I allowed to?

Yes. South Australians are able to return home but will need to self-quarantine for 14 days. You must be able to prove that South Australia is your place of residence.

What does this mean for cross border communities between Victoria and South Australia?

Essential travellers living in cross border communities will still be able to enter the South Australia, however there will be further restrictions and now they cannot travel further than 50 kilometres over the border into South Australia.

Will roads into South Australia from Victoria be closed?

Roads from Victoria, both sealed and unsealed roads will have a static check point or hard road blocks to stop people getting into the state. Police patrols will increase in that area and Australian Defence Force will be assisting police at some sites.

How long will the new South Australia / Victoria border restrictions be in place for?

It is unknown how long these hard border restriction will be in place – it will be regularly monitored.

Why are these border restrictions between SA and Victoria taking place?

These border restrictions are taking place due to the significant increase in cases of COVID-19 in Victoria. By enforcing tighter border restrictions between South Australia and Victoria, we minimise risk of COVID-19 entering South Australia.

Travellers from which states have no restrictions upon entering South Australia?

People who arrive from low community transmission zones such as Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania and have for the 14 days prior to arrival **not been** in any other place other than a low community transmission zone, do not have any restrictions to enter South Australia.

What happens if someone breaches their requirements to minimise the spread of COVID-19?

Anyone caught breaching their requirements to minimise the spread of COVID-19 will be subject to a warning and/or expiation notice by the relevant authority.

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Can those coming from QLD, TAS, NSW, WA & NT still enter South Australia?

Travellers coming from these states can still enter SA, however if travelling to South Australia from these states has involved **any** travel through Victoria, those individuals must self-quarantine for 14 days. See below breakdown for requirements for those departing from each relevant state.



Entering South Australia?

	WA	NT	QLD	TAS	NSW	ACT	VIC
Visitors		✓			⚠		✗
Essential travellers		✓			⚠		⚠
SA residents returning		✓			⚠		⚠
SA essential travellers returning		✓			⚠		⚠
	Must have been in WA, NT, QLD or TAS for 14 days prior to entry in to SA, and have not travelled through NSW, ACT and VIC.				Restrictions apply.		No visitors allowed. Restrictions apply for other categories.

This is a guide only. Go to sa.gov.au to view the information relating to your personal circumstance.

Information correct as at 10 am, 11 July 2020.

Which Essential Travellers must keep a record of close contacts?

All Essential Travellers, except those that are classified as National and State security and governance must maintain close contact records for the 14 days after arrival, and keep those records for a further 28 days after that.

When will the border between South Australia and New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory be opened?

South Australia's border restrictions remain in place for NSW and the ACT, and will not be eased on July 20 as previously announced.

NSW and ACT residents may still travel to South Australia, but are subject to 14 days quarantine upon their arrival and are required to complete a cross border pre-approval form.

We will continue to keep people informed about these border restrictions.

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Which roads am I permitted to enter South Australia from Victoria on?

A person entering South Australia from Victoria is prohibited from entering South Australia on a road that is not listed below:

Sturt Highway, Yamba
Wentworth Road, Renmark
Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo
Dukes Highway, Wolseley
High Street, Frances (which terminates at Minimay—Frances Road, Frances)
Wimmera Highway, Laurie Park
Edenhope Road, Wrattobully
Casterton Road, Penola
Glenelg Highway, Myora
Princes Highway, Glenburnie
Glenelg River Road, Donovans/Nelson
Lindsay Point Road—Lacey Avenue, Murtho
Summertown Road—Mulcra Road (becomes Panitya North Road), Pinnaroo
Wolseley Road—Serviceton North Road, Wolseley
Binnum—Benayeo Road, Binnum
Shepherds Road—Kybybolite Road, Kybyolite
Langkoop Road—Casterton-Naracoorte Road, Koppamurra
Derghom Road—Dorodong Road, Penola
Mingbool Road, Pleasant Park
Caroline Road, Caroline
Dry Creek Road, Caroline

Can I come to South Australia to visit a terminally ill family member or for a family members funeral?

Yes, you are deemed an Essential Traveller and permitted to visit a critically or terminally ill member of the person's immediate family; or to attend the funeral of a member of the person's immediate family.

Note: Attendance is permitted at the funeral service and not any other activity (such as a wake) and the person must wear a surgical face mask (covering mouth and nose) in South Australia when coming into contact with the public.

Persons who claim to be essential travellers under this clause may be required to provide evidence that they fall within the scope of this clause.

Half of my farm is in South Australia, the other half Victoria, can we use prohibited roads to access our farm?

Primary Producers living on the South Australia / Victoria border are able to use otherwise prohibited roads when they are travelling to parts of their property to check stock or undertake farming activities.

Those roads are not open to other members of the community.

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How and where do I self-quarantine?

You can only leave self-quarantine to obtain urgent medical care or medical supplies, to get tested for COVID-19, or for any other emergency situation.

You must ensure no one else enters or stays at the place you are self-quarantining unless:

- they usually live there and you need to provide care/support to them, or receive care/support from them, or
- they are also self-quarantining, or
- your place of self-quarantine is appropriately set up so you do not have contact with others.

Because we need to minimise the number of people you are in contact with, you may need to make arrangements for yourself or other household members to stay somewhere else.

I have entered South Australia from Victoria. Is it mandatory to get the COVID-19 test?

No, it is not mandatory but people coming from Victoria are being asked to get a COVID-19 test within the first 24 hours of arriving, and again on day 12 of their 14 day self-quarantine period.

However, if you are experiencing the following symptoms, no matter how mild, get tested for COVID-19: Fever or chills, Cough, sore throat, Runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell.

What are the restrictions for Truck drivers coming from interstate?

South Australian residents who are truck drivers crossing backwards and forth over the border (whether it be to Victoria or not) don't have to self-quarantine when they return. They are to minimise time spent in other states and cannot attend a disability care, correctional, health care or aged care facility without prior approval.

Residents of Victoria who are truck drivers and provide transport or freight services into, within and out of South Australia (including any crew on such transport or freight services) on a commercial basis are required to wear a mask at all times when in public and must self-quarantine when they are not conducting their duties.

Truck drivers coming from NSW and ACT are not required to self-quarantine when entering South Australia however they must minimise time spent in South Australia and cannot attend a disability care, correctional, health care or aged care facility without prior approval.

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I am an Essential Traveller and have submitted the Cross Border Travel Registration but am yet to get my confirmation of status? Can I still enter South Australia?

If you have already completed the Cross Border Travel Registration, please commence your travel plans to South Australia and have all relevant documentation/evidence available to present to SA Police.

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