Application for Essential Traveller Status
Classification as a Specified Person in relation to the State of Emergency — COVID-19

Other persons, or class of persons, approved by the State Controller.

The Tasmanian Government has declared a State of Emergency. Strict requirements to quarantine in government provided accommodation are now in place.

All non-essential travellers arriving in Tasmania will be required to enter quarantine for 14 days in government provided accommodation on arrival in Tasmania.

If your application for Essential Traveller status is approved, you must still comply with listed quarantine conditions directed by the Director of Public Health under section 16 of the Public Health Act 1997.

Application instructions

1. Upon arrival in Tasmania, you are required to quarantine yourself in government provided accommodation for 14 days in accordance with the authorisation of emergency powers issued by the State Controller under section 40 of the Emergency Management Act 2006 – in relation to state of emergency COVID-19 until such time that you are advised by the State Controller that an exemption has been granted for your application under Item 8 of the Schedule Specified Persons.

2. Applications for exemption under Item 8 of the Schedule can be made using one of the following methods:
   a. Lodge Online.
   b. Email your completed form to Essentialtravellers@dpipwe.tas.gov.au; or
   c. Hand your completed form to a Biosecurity Officer on your arrival to Tasmania for forwarding to the State Controller for assessment.

3. A separate application is required for each individual, including children (if applicable).

Application for exemption

I, ________________________            ________  (print your name), hereby apply for an exemption to the requirement to quarantine in government provided accommodation for 14 days on entry to Tasmania as required by the Authorisation under section 40 of the Emergency Management Act 2006 – in relation to State of Emergency COVID-19.

You MUST attach evidence to support your claim that you are essential to the proper functioning of Tasmania e.g.: a letter from your employer, or client in Tasmania.

- Describe your reasons
Details of arrival into Tasmania

- Country(ies), States and Territories visited in the past 30 days
- Method of entry into Tasmania
- Date of arrival in Tasmania
- Flight number
- Seat number
- Ticket number
- Name(s) of others travelling with you and applying for an exemption (we will aim to advise you at the same time)
- Applicant’s signature

If by plane

If by Spirit of Tasmania

Contacting you about the decision

You will receive a letter from the State Controller advising you of the outcome of your application.

Please provide the following details (mandatory fields):

Contact details

- Name
- Email
- Mobile number
- Postal address
- Name(s) of others travelling with you and applying for an exemption (we will aim to advise you at the same time)

This information is required under the Emergency Management Act 2006 from all people who have arrived in Tasmania after Friday 20 March 2020 by the State Controller. Failure to provide this information is an offence against the Act and may incur a fine of up to $16,800.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both.

Any person that fails to comply with a requirement to quarantine or self-isolate is committing an offence.

This information is collected and will be used subject to the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (Tas), for the purposes of assisting the State Controller to exercise powers and perform functions to prevent or control the spread of a notifiable disease under the Public Health Act 1997 (Tas), namely the novel coronavirus COVID-19.