



Accommodating seasonal workers during the COVID-19 pandemic

Everyone has a general obligation to keep themselves, their neighbours and the community safe from coronavirus (COVID-19). You must follow Queensland's Chief Health Officer's public health directions for COVID-19.

Information for seasonal workers

If you want to work in agribusiness or commercial fishing in Queensland during COVID-19, you must:

- observe the latest travel and health advice from the [Australian Government](#) and stay up to date on [border closures and visa information](#)
- comply with Queensland's state [border closures](#), travel restrictions and self-quarantine requirements in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge you to stay up-to-date on [health advice](#)
- not travel to or within Queensland without first obtaining employment and ensuring you have appropriate accommodation
- provide a record of your previous work and residence in the last 14 days
- If you are currently interstate, to enter Queensland to begin work you will require the following documentation:
 - a completed [Queensland border pass](#)
 - a letter/email your employer proving that you have secured work, including your start date and period of employment
 - accommodation details proving you have accommodation organised in Queensland
 - a record of your work and residence in the last 14 days.
 - If you have been in a declared COVID-19 hotspot at any time within the past 14 days, you will be required to self-quarantine at your own expense for 14 days on arrival prior to commencing work. You may choose to self-quarantine prior to entering Queensland, however you must provide documentation from the interstate health authority at the border crossing.

Find more information about [self-quarantine requirements](#).

Finding available accommodation in Queensland

If accommodation isn't available as part of your employment, ask your employer for suggested accommodation options close by.

[Caravanning Queensland](#) has a map of parks in Queensland that can accommodate people travelling for essential work who need to self-quarantine.

You can search for a range of other accommodation options in Queensland on the following sites:

- [Welcome to Queensland](#)
- [Accommodation Queensland](#)
- [Backpacking Queensland](#)
- [Tourism and Events Queensland](#)



If you can't find appropriate accommodation, you may not be able to take up the employment. Talk to your employer to see if there's anything they can do to assist you to find accommodation.

Information for accommodation providers

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of the agriculture and fisheries industries in Queensland, and is committed to providing support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Accommodation providers can continue to provide accommodation, conditional on social distancing. All accommodation must be of a standard to allow for appropriate hygiene and physical distancing practices.

Businesses who provide accommodation for seasonal workers are required to have a health management plan. Your plan must include the measures in place for your accommodation facilities to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among employees and the community. It also allows guests to be managed in 'household units' of no more than four people. These 'household units' will work, transport and share communal facilities together.

The record keeping requirements for accommodation facilities will include recording the locations visited and accommodation details of the guest for the 14 days prior to accessing the accommodation (including quarantine compliance if relevant) to assist with contact tracing if necessary.

The premises should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before guests arrive, after they leave, and as regularly as possible during their stay.

[Download](#) the health management template and associated guidelines that have been developed for accommodation and private workforce transport providers.

Further information

For further information on arrangements to support the employment of temporary visa holders and seasonal workers in Queensland's agribusiness and fisheries industries, visit covid19.qld.gov.au

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