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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 AND THE PORT OF BROOME

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Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA) continues to work with the Commonwealth and State Governments to manage the impact of the COVID-19 virus on port operations and Broome.

KPA recognises the situation continues to change and we remain vigilant. A range of protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of our community and employees.

Who can enter Western Australia?

The State Government reopened the hard border to States designated as very low risk on 14 November 2020. People from very low risk States still complete the mandatory G2G Pass registration and declaration, and undertake health screening on arrival. Visitors from States designated low risk must also wear masks and quarantine for 14 days.

Visitors from medium risk States require an exemption. Exemptions may be granted to people who perform work in the following roles or industries and are required to enter WA for a period of time:

- health services,
- transport, freight and logistics,
- national or state security and governance, courts and judicial services,
- emergency service workers, and
- people who have specialist skills not available in WA.

There are exemptions for FIFO workers and their families and exemptions on compassionate grounds are considered on a case by case basis.

Anyone seeking an exemption must complete an Exemption Application form, available on WA.gov.au, prior to travel and submit it to WA Police.

Exemptions must be granted by WA Police prior to travel.

How many cruise ships will be entering the Port of Broome?

International cruise ships are not permitted to enter Australia until after 17th June 2021.

Any cruise ship, domestic or international, capable of carrying more than 100 passengers is prohibited from operating cruises in Australia.

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Are commercial ships permitted to enter the Port of Broome?

Prior to arriving at the Port of Broome a vessel must complete [KPA's COVID-19 declaration form](#) regarding the health of everyone on the vessel.

Vessel master's must complete an [Entry into Designated Biosecurity Areas form](#) depending on their risk status, and receive permission from the West Australian Police to land.

KPA does not allow crew ashore if a vessel arrives within the 14 day period after departing an International port.

Crew on vessels from International ports arriving after a 14 day period are able to be on the wharf for loading purposes only, observing PPE requirements.

Crew on domestic vessels arriving from a different State are not to come ashore unless they are from a very low risk State or are approved by the West Australian Police.

Crew on domestic vessels from within Western Australia are required to maintain social distancing whilst on the wharf and complete the Port of Broome COVID-19 declaration form.

What protection does KPA have in place for employees?

Any employee returning from overseas or from a state designated above low risk undertakes a 14 day quarantine period. KPA has a self-assessment questionnaire for any employees who are ill or may have been exposed to Coronavirus.

Extra hygiene measures are in place throughout the workplace including using appropriate PPE. KPA actively supports social distancing within the workplace including conducting meetings online.

How can I keep up-to-date about COVID-19 and Australian travel restrictions?

You can keep up-to-date with the latest information about Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 via the Department of Health website: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), and each State's risk status at [WA Government's daily updates](#).

Please refer to the Department of Home Affairs updates on travel restrictions [Department of Home Affairs | COVID-19 and the border](#).

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