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Who is an Essential Traveller?

Schedule 2—Essential travellers (restricted)

1—National and State security and governance—Victorian residents

- (1) Any person who—
 - (a) is ordinarily resident in Victoria; and
 - (b) in the conduct of their role in relation to the protection of Australia or South Australia from threats such as terrorism, war, espionage, or acts of foreign interference is required to be physically present in South Australia for that purpose; and
 - (c) has the written approval of their manager (being of an executive level or higher) or an officer of a military or defence organisation.
- (2) Active military and Defence Department personnel (including civilian staff and private contractors) and personnel required to support time-critical national security and defence activities—
 - (a) who are ordinarily resident in Victoria; and
 - (b) who are required to be physically present in South Australia in the conduct of their duties; and
 - (c) whose organisation has undergone risk mitigation strategies; and
 - (d) who have the written approval of their manager (being of an executive level or higher) or an officer of a military or defence organisation.

Note—

Evidence of an approval under this clause is required.

2—Health services

Persons who are approved by the Chief Executive of the Department for Health and Wellbeing, the South Australian Chief Public Health Officer or a deputy Chief Public Health Officer to assist in the provision of health services in South Australia and who are required to be physically present in South Australia in the conduct of those duties.

Note—

Evidence of an approval to assist in the provision of health services in South Australia under this clause is required.

3—Essential skills (industries and businesses)

- (1) Specialists required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of competitive operations where the appropriate skills are not available in South Australia, where the service is time critical and where the provision of the service requires that the person be physically present in South Australia.

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(2) Persons who, in the conduct of their duties, are responsible for maintenance or repair of infrastructure critical to South Australia and are required to be physically present in South Australia for such purposes.

4—Commercial transport and freight services—Victorian residents

Persons who—

- (a) are ordinarily resident in Victoria; and
- (b) in the conduct of their duties, 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; and
- (c) and are required to be physically present in South Australia for such purposes.

Note—

A person referred to in this clause could (for example) self-quarantine by sleeping in the cabin of their truck.

5—Remote or isolated workers—work in Victorian locations

- (1) Persons who travel for work purposes to locations in Victoria that are remote or geographically isolated for regular periods according to established work schedules.
- (2) Persons who travel for work purposes to locations in Victoria that are remote or geographically isolated where—
 - (a) their employer is applying risk mitigation strategies during periods of work, and
 - (b) the person is a specialist required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of competitive operations, or maintenance or repair of critical infrastructure in the mining, oil, gas and energy sectors.

6—Urgent medical, dental or health treatment

- (1) Persons who travel to South Australia for the receipt of urgent medical, dental or other health treatment with the approval of the Chief Executive of the Department for Health and Wellbeing, the South Australian Chief Public Health Officer or a deputy Chief Public Health Officer.

Note—

Evidence of an approval under this clause is required.

- (2) A person who accompanies the person referred to in subclause (1) for the purpose of providing care and support.
- (3) Nothing in this clause is intended to prevent a person from accessing treatment in the case of an emergency.

7—Passing through

Persons who pass through the State by the most direct and practical route and means.

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8—Compassionate grounds

- (1) Persons who travel to South Australia—
- (a) to visit a critically or terminally ill member of the person's immediate family; or
 - (b) 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.

- (2) In this clause—

domestic partner means a person who is a domestic partner within the meaning of the *Family Relationships Act 1975*, whether declared as such under that Act or not;

immediate family, of a person, means—

- (a) a spouse or domestic partner; or
- (b) a parent; or
- (c) a grandparent; or
- (d) a child (including an adult child); or
- (e) a grandchild (including an adult grandchild); or
- (f) a brother or sister,

and includes a person who is a member of the immediate family of the person's spouse or domestic partner;

spouse—a person is the spouse of another if they are legally married.

Note—

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.

9—Consular employees

Consular employees as defined in the *Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1972* of the Commonwealth travelling to South Australia to perform official duties.

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