**Hi. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I work with Uniting (Vic Tas Ltd.) Today is 7th of July 2020 and I am sharing with you the latest advice about closer of NSW border in this audio clip.**

**NSW and VIC Border closure**

From 8 July, you’ll need a border entry permit to travel from Victoria to NSW, except if you're entering NSW:

* as an emergency or law enforcement services worker
* for medical or hospital services
* to avoid injury or escape a risk of harm
* to attend court or to meet other legal obligations.

Permits are in place to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and jobs of NSW residents. Both adults and children are required to get a permit to travel from Victoria to NSW. The permit is valid for 14 days from the date of issue and applies to all borders: land, air and sea, as well as river crossings. Your permit will indicate if you need to self-isolate for 14 days, get tested for COVID-19 or any other conditions. In most instances, if you're arriving in NSW from Victoria you will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for a permit, you must be one of the following:

* a NSW resident returning home
* a cross-border resident
* a member of parliament or staff member
* a consular official
* a seasonal worker
* a boarding school/university student or a parent/guardian accompanying a student
* a carer for an individual entering NSW
* a person providing critical services, including:
	+ freight and logistics
	+ maintenance and repair of critical infrastructure
	+ medical or hospital care
	+ mining, agriculture, construction, engineering or manufacturing
	+ Commonwealth defence and security services.

You're also eligible for a permit if you are:

* transiting through NSW on your way home to your state/territory of residence
* entering for child access and care arrangements
* applying on compassionate grounds (e.g. visiting a terminally ill person). You will need to apply for a valid exemption code from NSW Health before applying for your permit.
* You won't be eligible for a permit if [Victoria's current public health restrictions](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19) prevent you from travelling.

**What you need**

* your personal details (name and date of birth)
* your contact details (residential address, phone number and email address)
* your [exemption category](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit#eligibility)
* a declaration on your COVID-19 exposure and overseas travel in the last 14 days
* the address where you intend to stay in NSW.

**How to apply**

1. Before applying for a permit, you must check [Victoria's current public health restrictions](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19) and comply with the travel restrictions.
2. Check the [eligibility requirements](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit#eligibility)
3. You can apply online via <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit>
4. Follow the prompts to complete the online form.

After applying, you'll receive an email with your NSW border entry permit. Please have your permit with you when crossing the border.

* You should carry any supporting evidence associated with your travel when crossing the border.