

I have been in the border zone, am I considered an essential worker/ is my work essential?

If you are a New South Wales border zone resident you can only enter Queensland for essential work. Similarly if you are a Queensland resident you can only enter the border zone for essential work (you must [follow stay at home requirements](#) when you return to Queensland).

Essential work includes work that is urgently required for:

- for safety reasons
- for emergency repairs
- that is necessary to maintain essential services and supplies to the community, or part of the community.

It includes work performed by:

- a medical practitioner or other [prescribed health practitioner](#) (including at residential aged care facilities, disability accommodation services and aged care or NDIS supports provided to a person's home)
- an emergency health services or emergency services worker
- national defence, state security or police worker
- a freight or logistics operator
- an emergency infrastructure worker
- air crew or maritime crew
- a disaster management worker
- a critical infrastructure worker
- a tradesperson or construction worker for essential or emergency construction or repairs only
- an emergency volunteer, volunteering for any community or government welfare, social, safety, emergency or disaster service.

Essential workers do not include:

- teachers
- anyone who can perform their work remotely, at home
- childcare workers
- hospitality workers
- sales representatives
- commercial construction workers on non-critical projects.

If you are entering Queensland for essential work, or returning from permitted work in the border zone, you may be asked for evidence that you are performing essential work. This evidence could include, a letter on your employer's letterhead, your roster or a booked appointment that shows you need to be physically present to perform essential work.