



2020 Almond Pollination Exit Protocol.

Mandatory documents to be carried by occupants of the vehicle (beekeepers).

Please note updated 27/08/2020: Updates to border crossing procedures. See item 3 on the following page.

1. Workplace Health Management Plan or NSW COVID SAFE Plan and any relevant daily action records.
2. NSW Critical Service Border permit – make an application under the *Critical Services-movement of freight on a commercial basis* for each occupant of the vehicle.
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit>
3. Queensland Border Declaration Pass – Commercial Freight and Logistics Exemption (new 'F pass' as at Saturday 8/08/2020, 1am) for each individual occupant of the vehicle. Applies only to Queensland beekeepers. <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass/freight-and-logistics>
4. South Australian Border Permit.
5. Valid Driver Licence and/or Proof of age card for each individual occupant of the vehicle.
6. Beekeeping registration documents - Registered Biosecurity Entity QLD (RBE) NSW DPI registration, VIC AG registration, SA PIRSA registration.
7. Diary to record daily contacts on re-entry to Queensland from a known COVID-19 Hot Spot declared area/s. (Only a requirement for Queensland Beekeepers).
8. Other relevant other State jurisdiction paperwork – (COVID-19 Safety Plan, NSW/VIC border permit, SA border permit etc. Other states will require additional documentation)
9. Letter of Employment to validate travel reasons should the business director travel in another vehicle. This document should clearly state the name, D.O.B, home address details of all employees working in the business who require border permits & exemption from quarantine.

For exit from VIC into NSW including travel into QLD industry will be operating under the *AHBIC Best Management Practice for the transport of open entrance hives*.

Queensland Police have asked for all live honey bee hives to be covered/netted for re-entry to Queensland. Subsequently, all QBA Members have been advised (via email) of the requirements to net their loads on re-entry to Queensland and NSW borders. QBA also recommends that where possible beekeepers avoid crossing border check points during daylight hours. In order to limit the risk of stings to border enforcement, it has been suggested all beekeepers only cross border check points (whilst migrating live honey bees) during night time hours. The following is the suggested approach protocol for beekeepers exiting the Victorian Almond growing regions.

Beekeepers Border Check Point approach protocol.

1. Industry recommends that all beekeepers migrating live honey bees, locate a safe point to stop, prior to approaching the border check point to net/cover their live honey bees. This action will limit the possibility of escaping bees thus creating a safer working environment for border officials.
2. Once alerted of the inbound movements, NSW Police will dim the lights where possible to minimise the light noise to bee colonies, thus encouraging the bees to remain inside or on the load. Beekeepers are asked to sound the horn of their trucks 100m prior to the border.

3. Beekeepers are asked to not use the NSW Police mobile phone number to call ahead when departing Victoria from the Almond growing regions. NEW PROCEDURES BELOW.

Beekeepers crossing the Tooleybuc and Euston/Robinvale bridges are asked to stop 100 meters prior to the border check point and FLASH their headlights until you obtain the attention of border enforcement officials.

NSW Police have advised that they will approach the parked truck on foot, (again, trucks are to be parked 100m prior to the check point and beekeepers are asked to remain in the vehicle) NSW Police officers will then validate your documents and permits. Once this process has been completed, Beekeepers will be asked to move/proceed through the border crossing without stopping.

4. Beekeepers will have the below minimum mandatory documents points (as listed above and where required) ready for inspection if required in order to minimise delays. Specifically, for the NSW border check points beekeepers will need to have the following papers.
 - NSW Border permit and other State jurisdictional permits/passes.
 - Beekeeping registration (QLD RBE or NSW DPI)
 - Current Drivers Licence identification for all occupants in the vehicle.
 - Health Management Plan or NSW COVID-19 Safety Plan, ready to be validated if requested.
 - Records of daily contact records relevant to the state authority where the beekeeper is based.
 - Documents demonstrating daily health checks and compliance with the health plans.