



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Monday 23 August 2021

Dear Student,

Over the weekend, the Victorian Government has announced a state-wide lockdown in response to the growing number of COVID-19 cases across Victoria.

As part of the new restrictions, authorised work and study permits are required as of 11:59pm Monday 23 August, to visit our campuses and to access childcare.

Below is clarification on:

- Who can access the authorised work permits and how to apply
- Rules regarding who can access childcare.

Authorised study and worker permits – who can apply

Permits are required to study on campus or attend placements in strictly limited authorised work and authorised study categories from 11:59pm tonight. If you can work or study from home, you must do so.

The Victorian Government's definition of on-site work or study is stricter under this lockdown and the key categories that apply to students are outlined below. You can also review the list at [Authorised provider and authorised worker permit | Coronavirus Victoria](#) to see if your study or placement is authorised to be performed on campus or on-site.

Key eligibility categories include:

- Practical TAFE activities will continue being delivered face-to-face on campus for the following apprentices with an authorised permit: building and construction; electrical; plumbing; joinery; automotive; manufacturing; and commercial cookery.
- Apprentices will have until 11.59pm Monday 23 August to gain a permit from their employer allowing Federation TAFE to deliver their training. These students will not be allowed on campus without a permit from Tuesday 24 August.
- Diploma of Nursing students will continue face-to-face practical activities on campus. Federation TAFE will provide these students with the necessary permit.
- Students carrying out placements in areas deemed essential services will be able to continue their placements. TAFE will provide these students with an authorised permit by Monday 23 August.

How to apply

Download the application form from the link above and fill out your details. Eligible students should then contact:

- For higher education, contact Andrew Evans at a.evans@federation.edu.au
- For HDR, contact Wendy Wright at wendy.wright@federation.edu.au
- For TAFE, contact Darren Gray at d.gray@federation.edu.au and Andrew Henwood at a.henwood@federation.edu.au

All permits for Federation staff must be sent to hr@federation.edu.au and must be signed by the Director Human Resources as the authorised officer. Call 03 5327 6300 for further information if required.

Limited access to childcare

Childcare, kindergarten and early childhood services are open only for vulnerable children, or the children of authorised workers in the circumstances described below.

From 11:59pm on 23 August, authorised workers can access childcare, kindergarten and early childhood services (and take a child to a centre) if:

- at least one parent/guardian is authorised to work and has a valid authorised worker permit, and is working either at home or on site, and

- they cannot make alternative supervision arrangements

An authorised worker who is required to work shift work (e.g. overnight shift at a hospital) can send a child to childcare or an early childhood service outside their working hours so they can rest.

Your authorised worker permit provides the evidence required to have your child in childcare (see the information above for details of how to apply). You do not need to seek a separate childcare permit, but again, the categories for accessing childcare are limited.

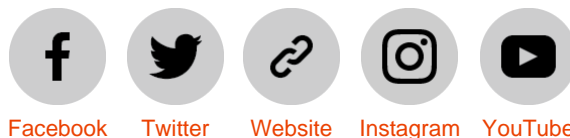
Further information

For further information regarding the impact of the lockdown announcement, please check your email for the most recent Coronavirus Update sent Sunday 22 August.

Please note the information about childcare and permits for students has been updated today, to reflect changes to government advice.

Stay safe and stay well.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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