



# Support for the Construction Industry

## Exemption Request process

In order to help protect the public, public health orders have been put in place that require construction to be paused in Greater Sydney, except in limited circumstances generally relating to safety and security, until 30 July. These orders are important for everyone in the community. However, in rare and exceptional cases, consideration may be given to granting an exemption. This is the process for requesting an exemption for Construction to occur. Please use this carefully and with full consideration – noting the clear intent to pause all work and limit movement until 30 July in order to protect public health. This process is for specific construction work/projects only and is not for a wider request relating to the PHO.

### Step 1 - Review

Please check online to ensure and double check if your question / case can be covered-off without need for an exemption. The 8 reasons are listed here below together with the links to both the website and the Public Health Order on [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au). Please use your judgement and common sense. For example – if there is a safety issue then please fix this.

From Monday 12:01am on 19 July 2021, work at construction sites in Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour, is not to be carried out unless the work is urgently required:

1. to ensure the safety or security of the construction site
2. to deal with environmental risks
3. to maintain and ensure the integrity of critical plant, equipment or assets, including partially completed works, that would otherwise deteriorate
4. to receive deliveries of supplies that would otherwise deteriorate
5. to maintain public utilities
6. to ensure the safe operation of existing transport infrastructure
7. by or on behalf of NSW Health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
8. because of an emergency

### Step 2 - Check

Please call Service NSW to check if you still have a question and if this is more of an interpretation of 8 elements shown on the left/below. Please call 13 77 88 and select the Business option.

### Step 3 - Request

If your construction need/situation is clearly not covered and an exemption is still needed - please submit email to NSW Government via [covid19coordination@treasury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:covid19coordination@treasury.nsw.gov.au) and ensure the title has 'Construction Exemption request'.

Please provide: clear rationale for the exemption request, considerations/steps taken so far, the urgency of the works (e.g. by date X) and details of the construction work. Please include the location of the work, where resources working on the construction will travel from & to for the work. Please also include your Covid safe plans and contact details.

### Step 4 - Response

The request will be triaged and reviewed. The turnaround time may vary depending on volume and please do not email to request an update. The response will be from the same email address as the submission. The outcome may be an exemption that is granted or denied. Feedback may be provided that an exemption is not needed (refer point 1 above) as it can be covered under the existing (8) reasons.

### Step 5 - Share

Relevant agencies, including NSW Police, will also be notified by NSW Government if an exemption has been granted.