

Victorian State Government

COVID-19 Lockdown FAQs

Building & Construction Industry – 27 May 2021

Can renovations continue in homes or apartments where residents are staying?

No, renovations in homes or apartments should not continue unless these are urgent or essential repairs. Workers must wear a face mask and avoid contact with residents at all times.

Do Authorised Workers or workers at Authorised Providers require a worker permit or employment letter to prove they can work?

No, worker permits and employment letters are not required.

Is service and maintenance permitted in the construction industry?

Yes, all aspects of the construction industry are permitted to operate

Is adult education (including VET) permitted face-to-face?

No, adult education is not permitted face-to-face. The following adult education providers are permitted to deliver their teaching from their work premises if it is not possible to do so from home:

- training and assessment for infection control, high-risk work licenses and high-risk work credentials and construction induction (white card), that ensure workplace and public safety in permitted work premises or for permitted workers; or
- study for final year pre-service early childhood and school teachers (including placements); or final-year higher education students (i.e. in TEQSA-regulated courses), who do not have alternative options to complete their study by end of year; or
- first aid training where required for COVID response; or
- study for health care workers (including clinical placements); or
- apprentices training with an Authorised Provider or Authorised Worker; or
- clinical health and biomedical science (if required to be on site for the maintenance of essential research activities); or
- aged and disability care (including clinical placements); or
- mandatory assessments for VCE and VCAL students; or
- police Academy; or
- defence and national security agencies.

Are display homes and suites allowed to open?

No, display homes must not open.

Can maintenance work continue in homes or apartments where residents are staying?

Maintenance work in homes or apartments can only continue where it is essential for the continued operation of:

- essential infrastructure and essential services that are required to maintain or protect human health, safety and

wellbeing (whether provided by a public or private undertaking), and including construction, maintenance and repair of such infrastructure; or

- critical repairs to any premises where required for emergency or safety; or
- services to support ongoing provision and regulation of electricity, gas, water, sewage and waste and recycling services and their maintenance.

This applies regardless of whether residents are staying in the home or apartment. Workers must wear a face mask at all times.

Can building inspections continue if they are necessary for a building or construction project to continue?

If a building inspection is critical to the operation of a building or construction project, it is considered a part of the construction industry and may therefore operate.

Is painting allowed to continue?

If painting is occurring in the context of an active building or construction project, it is considered a part of the construction industry and may therefore operate.

If the painting fits the definition of essential maintenance (see above), it may occur.

Painting that occurs outside the context of an active building or construction project, or is not essential maintenance should not occur.

Is landscaping allowed to continue?

If landscaping is occurring in the context of an active building or construction project, it is considered a part of the construction industry and may therefore operate.

Landscaping that occurs outside the context of an active building or construction project cannot continue.

Is construction allowed to continue during circuit breaker restrictions?

Yes, construction can continue during the circuit breaker restrictions, as it is included as an [Authorised Provider](#).

