

Armstrongs Coronavirus Update: 21 August 2020

Dear Armstrongs students and the wider Armstrongs community,

The global situation regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) is constantly evolving and I want to assure you that Armstrongs continues to working hard to minimise any impact that it may have on your health, safety, and training. We are closely monitoring developments and if, and when, required we will update our response to best protect the health and wellbeing of all Armstrongs staff and students.

VicRoads have updated their Stage 4 advice in accordance with directives from the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the Department of Jobs, Precincts & Regions (DJPR) and Armstrongs has been advised that during Stage 4 heavy vehicle and motorcycle training and assessment 'can only continue if it is necessary for the operations of a permitted workplace'.

This means that during Stage 4 restrictions, Armstrongs **must** only conduct heavy vehicle and/or motorcycle training and assessment for:

'Participants (students) who require it for their work in a permitted industry and can provide a valid worker permit issued by a Permitted Work Premises under the Worker Permit Scheme'.

This means that in order to book a heavy vehicle or motorcycle training course you must already be employed by a company or organisation that is permitted to remain open during Stage 4 (that is, is a Permitted Work Premises in a Permitted Industry) and you require a heavy vehicle or motorcycle licence in order to perform your job at that company or organisation.

That also means that for those people seeking future employment in a permitted industry (such as transport and therefore requiring a heavy vehicle licence for example), but not yet employed, unfortunately you will not be permitted to undertake training and assessment during Stage 4 (as you won't be able to provide to Armstrongs a copy of a permitted worker permit).

We are in the process of contacting all our clients who have a course booked with us over the Stage 4 period and we will be offering a free transfer to a course post-Stage 4 to those that are unable to obtain, a permitted worker permit.

We sincerely thank all our present and future students for their continued patience and understanding during this time and we look forward to commencing or continuing with your training in a COVID safe manner and environment.

Stay safe and all the best to you and your families until then.

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