



## ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT SERVICES LIST

The essential business list below is only applicable to the lockdown/containment areas. The list of businesses is subject to review (modification, additional or removal) in considering the changing health and safety circumstances. Businesses that operate must do so in line with the COVID safe protocols (**Refer to protocols**).

### Essential Businesses

- Air and Sea Rescue Services;
- Air Traffic Control Services;
- Civil Aviation Telecommunication Services;
- Telecommunication services;
- Food and sanitary manufacturing plants;
- Electricity Services;
- Emergency Services in times of national disaster;
- Fire Services;
- Health and Hospital Services;
- Lighthouse services;
- Mine pumping, Ventilation and Winding;
- Meteorological services;
- Sanitary, Water and Sewage Services;
- Local produce and municipal markets;
- Supermarkets and shops selling foods and other essential items;
- Banks;
- Insurance businesses;
- Pharmacies;
- Supply and distribution of fuel, petrol, gas and power;
- Garbage collection;
- Transport Services;
- Hardware - on call services and no opening of retail outlets;
- Approved manufacturing;
- Air and Sea Ports;
- Fiji National Provident Fund - only essential staff;
- Fiji Revenue and Customs Service - only essential staff;
- Civil Services, statutory authority, municipal authority, such as city and town councils - only essential staff;
- Biosecurity Authority of Fiji only essential staff;
- Roading Services - suppliers and contractors of Fiji Roads Authority;
- Private Security Services;
- Veterinary Services; and
- Restaurants - for takeaway and delivery services only

**The following are support industries to the Essential Businesses and may operate which include:**

- Support Industries to the Food and Sanitary Sectors; (these are businesses that supply packaging material, labels and pellet wrappings);
- Container, Cartage, Supply and Logistics (including clearing of containers into warehouse);
- Support services for fuel industries such as petrol pump maintenance services;
- Support services and laying of pipelines - on call and for emergencies;
- IT suppliers - support and equipment (Supporting connectivity for essential industries) - only for on-call services and not opening of retail outlets;
- Gas Suppliers to other industries - only for supplies to Supermarkets, factories and apartments;
- Plumbing Services - only for on-call services and not opening of retail outlets;
- Electrical Services - only for on-call services and not opening of retail outlets;
- Air-conditioning Services - only for on-call to support essential services;
- Fertiliser and Feed manufacturers/merchants;
- Poultry industry;
- Tyre and Vehicle spare parts Suppliers - only for on-call to support essential services;
- Mechanical Services - only for on-call services and not opening of retail outlets;
- Hotels - quarantine hotels/ those which are providing accommodation to essential workers, including private sector;
- Upholstery - for vehicles only;
- Car wash – must provide vehicle sanitisation service;
- Locksmith services;
- Foreign Exchange services;
- Funeral Services, Hearse, crematorium services including casket manufacturing; and
- Maritime support services - only for on-call services and not opening of retail outlets.

### **High Risk – applicable all over Fiji**

For all non-containment areas, businesses that are not classified as high-risk may operate so long as they enforce mask-wearing, physical distancing and require customers and employees to have careFIJI installed with Bluetooth turned on.

High-risk businesses include the following, and must not operate anywhere in Fiji:

- Gyms,
- movie theatres,
- video gaming shops,
- cyber cafes,
- taverns and bars,
- billiard shops,
- amusement arcades,
- hairdressers, barber shops, spas, beauty therapy, massage therapy venues, saunas; and
- tattoo parlours.

## **Special Passes for Essential Businesses and supporting industries**

The Ministry of Commerce Trade Tourism and Transport facilitates the issuance of the following types of passes:

- i. **Curfew Pass** - curfew pass will be required should the business operate during curfew.
- ii. **Movement of Essential Good Pass** - pass for movement of essential goods and services will be required should a business operate across containment zones.
- iii. **Permit to Operate** – A 'permit to operate' pass may be needed on a case-to-case basis. **Those businesses that are identified as Essential Business or supporting industries, do not require a 'permit to operate'. However, Approved Manufacturing and businesses outside of the Essential Business list, that are not classified as High-risk business, will need to apply for approval before operating.**

In order to apply for a pass, businesses must provide the following details, on the respective business letterhead, when requesting approval:

1. Name of Company;
2. Company COVID-19 Response Standard Operating Procedures;
3. Vehicle registration numbers;
4. Names, address and ID numbers of all drivers/passengers;
5. Details of good/service;
6. Details of travel routes and time; and
7. Phone contact of essential travelling staff.

Applications are to be made to email: [covidbizpass@mcttt.gov.fj](mailto:covidbizpass@mcttt.gov.fj). For any further queries and/or clarification, you may call phone: 163.