



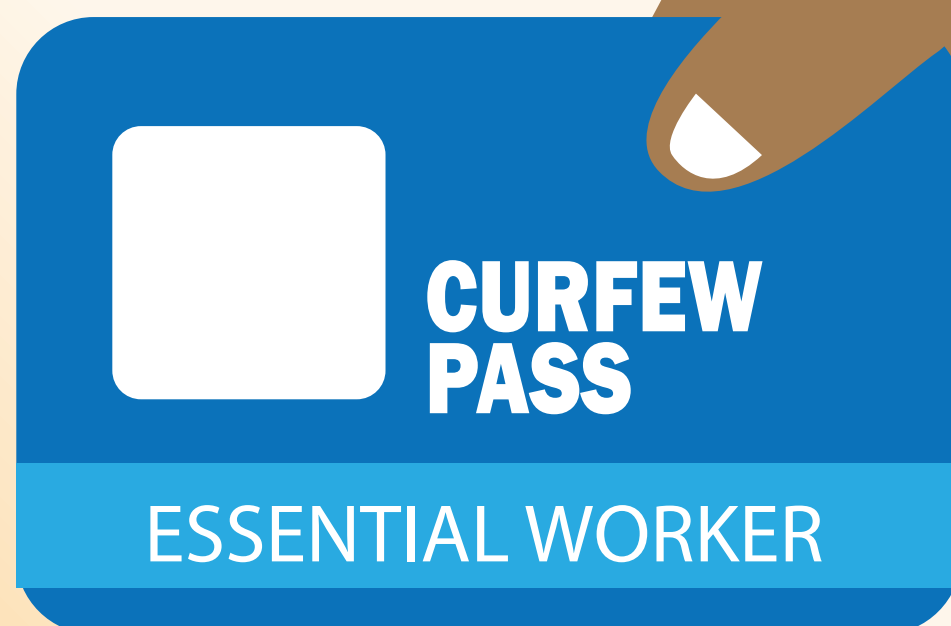
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EXEMPTED PERSONS CURFEW GUIDE



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CURFEW PASS APPROVAL PROCESS

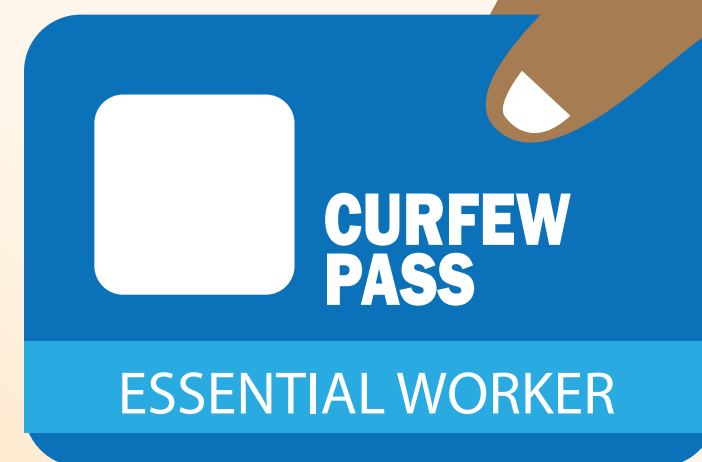
Persons employed in Essential Services as defined in **Section 3 of the Labour Code, 2010**, and **approved persons listed in Curfew (No. 30) Order, 2020** seeking Curfew passes should submit a list of names of persons, with appropriate justification, to the Health Emergency Operations Centre via email at **ministryofhealth@gov.vg** and copied to **sherbert@gov.vg**.

Electronic passes will be issued by the Deputy Governor's Office and lists will be shared with the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force once requests have been validated.

Passes will only be issued for duty between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Passes are valid only whilst persons are performing or travelling to or from essential duties.

- * **Persons must carry photo ID with the Curfew pass.**
- * **It is an offence to be out during the curfew hours unless authorised as this could lead to prosecution.**





APPROVAL PROCESS FOR BOATERS AND AIRCRAFT OPERATORS

Boating and Aircraft Operators wishing to travel to or enter any restricted areas in the BVI during the period of curfew and restricted water access must request approval from His Excellency the Governor via email at ministryofhealth@gov.vg. **Approval from each respective agency must be given before final approval is granted.**

REMINDERS

Commercial freight shipping in to the Territory remains approved for operation.

All private and commercial vessels are prohibited from travelling within Territorial waters, with the exception of fishing vessels, intra-island ferries and provisioning barges as authorised.

It is an offence to be out during the curfew hours unless authorised as this could lead to prosecution.

Persons are reminded that due to the **Imposition of a Curfew (No. 30) Order, 2020** which came into effect September 1, 2020 until Wednesday, September 16, **movement of vessels within our Territorial waters is restricted.**





14-DAY CURFEW IN EFFECT UNTIL 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

With the Exception of the Following Work Categories

- (1) Persons employed in the essential services as defined in **Section 3 of the Labour Code, 2010**, who are on duty when traveling to or returning from duty; **No. 4 of 2010** (see complete Essential Workers list)
- (2) Officers of private security service providers as defined in section 2 of the Private Security Industry Act, 2007, who are on duty, when traveling on to or from duty; **No. 10 of 2007**.
- (3) Customs and Immigration officers who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (4) Persons employed in insurance companies for the purpose of issuing and renewing policies and persons with appointments with such companies who need to complete documentation in person.
- (5) Persons employed in the public and private sector waste management services, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (6) Persons employed in approved fuel distribution and delivery services, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (7) Persons employed as public and private sector social care providers, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (8) Judges and Magistrates and other persons employed in the Courts, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (9) Persons employed in mortuary services, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (10) Persons employed for humanitarian support purposes, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (11) Persons employed as emergency call handlers, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty;
- (12) Persons employed as freight, courier and cargo distribution, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty;
- (13) Persons engaged to provide apostille and related statutory services, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty;
- (14) Persons employed as media and broadcast providers, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty;
- (15) Persons engaged in bona fide farming, agriculture or fisheries with urgent need to care for animals and persons offering veterinary services who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (16) Persons employed in transportation services (providing transportation for essential and critical operations), who are on duty, when driving to or from duty.
- (17) Persons employed in supermarkets providing services to and for essential and critical operations, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (18) Persons employed at the health and emergency operations centre who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (19) Persons employed in the legal and financial services sector approved by the Governor to undertake specific and urgent legal and financial services transactions that cannot be carried out remotely or by electronic means, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (20) Persons who are traveling en route to or from a port or airport as approved by Cabinet under the Immigration and Passport (Authorised Ports of Entry) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, (without a detour) for the purpose of leaving the Territory.
- (21) Persons employed for emergency household and business repairs, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (22) Persons employed with sanitisation, insect, mold and bug control companies, who are on duty, when traveling to or from duty.
- (23) Persons employed by remittance services.
- (24) Teachers in public and private schools who attend their institutions for the sole purpose of accessing resources for on-line instruction.
- (25) Persons employed by automotive companies and garages.
- (26) Persons employed in the travel sector, approved by the Minister with responsibility for Immigration, to undertake specific and urgent travel transactions that cannot be carried out remotely or by electronic means, who are on duty, when travelling to or from duty.



WHO IS AN ESSENTIAL WORKER?

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Persons employed in the essential services as defined in **Section 3 of the Labour Code, 2010**, who are exempt from the 14-day Curfew when on duty and traveling to or returning from duty:

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| (1) Police Service | (6) Telecommunication Services |
| (2) Prison Service | (7) Health Care Providers |
| (3) Water and Sewerage Services | (8) Transportation Services |
| (4) Fire and Rescue Services | (9) Port Services |
| (5) Electricity Generation and Distribution Services | |



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**With the Exception of the following
Government Officers
and Heads of Statutory Corporations**

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| (1) Deputy Governor | (9) Clerk of the House of Assembly |
| (2) Attorney General | |
| (3) Financial Secretary | (10) Registrar of the Supreme Court |
| (4) Cabinet Secretary | (11) Managing Director of the Financial Services Commission |
| (5) Permanent Secretary | (12) Director of the Financial Investigation Agency; and |
| (6) Auditor General | |
| (7) Director of Public Prosecutions | (13) Director of the International Tax Authority |
| (8) Accountant General | |

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BUSINESSES APPROVED TO OPERATE DURING THE 14-DAY CURFEW PERIOD 2ND - 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The following businesses or establishments are permitted to open and operate from **5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily** provided that such businesses and establishments have been inspected and approved by the Social Distancing Monitoring Task Force and certified by the Environmental Health Division:

- (a) supermarkets/minimarts
- (b) approved delivery services (water, food, beverages, medicinal services and fuel/LPG)
- (c) pharmacies/drug stores
- (d) bakeries
- (e) banks
- (f) commercial farming and fishing
- (g) fuel and LPG Stations
- (h) private health and dental care
- (i) burial services, **subject to approval by the Minister with responsibility for Health**
- (j) construction businesses (**teams with no more than ten persons**)
- (k) hardware and building supplies stores
- (l) businesses supplying hurricane shutters
- (m) restaurants for takeout and deliveries only
- (n) computer equipment and office suppliers
- (o) businesses providing bakery supplies
- (p) laundries for drop off and delivery or pickup only
- (q) churches and faith based activities
- (r) remittance services
- (s) insurance companies
- (t) automotive companies and garages
- (u) real estate businesses

*** OPERATION HOURS TO ALLOW STAFF TO GET TO AND FROM WORK**