

→ SECURITY AT THE PORT OF TOWNSVILLE

Townsville Port Authority is committed to ensuring port facilities are secure for the port community, members of the maritime industry, and visitors alike.



→ Entering Townsville Port

The Port of Townsville is a Security Regulated Zone and operates under an approved Port Security Plan, in accordance with the requirements of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003.

Entry into the port area is controlled by the Townsville Port Authority Marine Services division. Townsville Port Authority security officers conduct random identification checks at all entrance gates and only persons with appropriate identification and authorisation will be permitted access into the Port of Townsville.

General Port Entry Requirements:

- Authorised persons can enter at all gates using the electronic access control card system.
- Visitors entering the port who do not have an access card must enter through the Benwell Road visitor lane unless otherwise advised. Entry must be granted by either Townsville Port Authority, an on-site Port user/facility operator, or listed on an approved visitor directory before access is authorised.

Mandatory Entry Requirements:

- Photo identification; and
 - Official documentation (if relevant).
- Unauthorised Port access by members of the public is prohibited.
- It is also an offence to enter or leave the port area by any means other than a designated entrance or exit.



→ Glossary

Landside Restricted Zone

An area of land:

- to which access is controlled within the boundaries of a port facility; or
- under the control of a port service provider; or
- under the control of a port facility operator.

Waterside Restricted Zone

An area of water within a security-regulated port where a ship may berth, anchor or moor, and where access to the area is controlled. It extends below the water level to the seabed and under any wharf adjacent to the zone.



→ More information

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→ Maritime Security Identification Cards

Maritime Security Zones include Landside Restricted Zones and Waterside Restricted Zones.

The Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC) confirms that the holder has met the minimum background checking requirements to work in a Maritime Security Zone, but does not provide automatic right of entry to security regulated areas. Holders also require a genuine work-related reason to be in a security zone and need to follow the facility operator's standard occupational health and safety procedures for entry. A separate access card issued by the facility operator may be necessary.

From 1 January 2007, anyone working within a Landside Restricted Zone or Waterside Restricted Zone is required to display an MSIC. Failure to display an MSIC in a Maritime Security Zone may result in heavy penalties.

An MSIC is required if:

→ You are required to work within, on or under a wharf (Landside Restricted Zone), within the Waterside Restricted Zone, or other security zone when there is a Security Regulated Ship at the berth. Otherwise, you must be continuously monitored and/or escorted by a current MSIC holder.

If you are a contractor conducting a once off visit or only visit the area once or twice a year, you should discuss this matter with your employer or contract principle. They may opt to monitor your visit.

An MSIC is not required if:

→ You are working in a general port area as defined for the Townsville Port Authority or other port user and are not required to enter a Landside Restricted Zone or Waterside Restricted Zone. However, you will require a Townsville Port Authority identification card or other acceptable form of photo ID.

→ Security Requirements for Ships

Ships entering the Port of Townsville must report directly to Townsville Port Authority or via their respective ship agency with the following information prior to entry:

- the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) compliance number;
- current ship security level or any change to the ship security level whilst in port;
- ship security officer contact details;
- list of expected visitors/contractors;
- nominated providore;
- crew list and identification; and
- any security incident (as defined under the ISPS code or Maritime Transport Security Legislation) whilst in port.



→ Security Levels

The Commonwealth Government has determined, and will declare when necessary, three security levels.

Level 1:

Minimum appropriate protective security measures will be maintained at all times.

Level 2:

Appropriate additional protective security measures will be enacted because of heightened risk of a security incident.

Level 3:

Further specific protective security measures maintained for limited times when a security incident is probable or imminent, although it may not be possible to identify the specific target.

Unless otherwise advised, the Port of Townsville will operate on Level 1.

The current security level will be prominently displayed on signage in the port area and Townsville Port Authority's website – www.townsville-port.com.au

Townsville Port Authority's Marine Services division will alert the port community to any changes.

→ Additional Security Measures

If the Port of Townsville security level, the Port facility security level, or the ship security level is higher than Security Level 1, additional security measures will apply. This will also be the case if directed by the Australian Office of Transport Security. These additional measures include:

- increased number of maritime security guards;
- controlled access to the Waterside Restricted Zone and/or additional security waterside patrols;
- controlled access to the Ship Security Zone and Landside Restricted Zone;
- additional fencing; and
- random or compulsory inspection of all baggage/stores and vehicles.

→ Reporting Security Breaches

All security breaches, or potential activities that may breach security or cause harm, should be immediately reported. Examples of these include:

- suspicious activity or person;
- unclaimed baggage;
- inappropriately parked vehicle; and/or
- tampering with cargo and/or ship stores.

