



## **Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Amendment Order 2020**

Pursuant to section 70(1)(f) and (m) of the Health Act 1956, for the purpose of preventing the outbreak or spread of COVID-19, an infectious disease, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, Director-General of Health, exercising the functions of a Medical Officer of Health for all districts of New Zealand (that is, nationally), in circumstances where a state of emergency has been declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and there is an epidemic notice in force, makes the following order.

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### **Order**

- 1 Title**  
This order is the Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Amendment Order 2020.
- 2 Commencement**  
This order comes into force on 30 April 2020.
- 3 Principal order**  
This order amends the Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020 (the **principal order**).

**4 Clause 7 amended (Permissions for essential personal movement or recreation)**

- (1) In clause 7(e)(iii), after “hunting in motorised vehicles,”, insert “hunting or killing of game birds,”.
- (2) In clause 7(j), replace “the property” with “the property or a potential property”.
- (3) After clause 7(k), insert:
  - (ka) leave their home or place of residence to care for their pets or other animals in the same or an adjacent region:
- (4) In clause 7(s), replace “another person to travel to carry out essential personal movement or (if a fellow resident) to accompany a person” with “another fellow resident to travel to carry out essential personal movement or to accompany a fellow resident”.

**5 Schedule 1 amended**

In Schedule 1, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

**game bird** means a game bird specified in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Act 1953

**6 Schedule 2 amended**

- (1) In Schedule 2, Part 1, item 4, replace “New Zealand Police, and the National Emergency Management Agency” with “and New Zealand Police”.
- (2) In Schedule 2, Part 1, after item 9, insert:
  - 10 Veterinary services and animal health and welfare services.
  - 11 Civil defence emergency management services provided by the National Emergency Management Agency and Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups.
- (3) In Schedule 2, Part 3, item 9, replace “veterinary and animal health or welfare services, including”.
- (4) In Schedule 2, Part 3, item 11, delete “any small passenger service such as ride-shares or taxis:”.

Dated at Wellington this 29th day of April 2020.

Dr A R Bloomfield,  
Director-General of Health.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This order, which comes into force on 30 April 2020, amends the Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020 (the **principal order**).

The following changes or clarifications are made to what is permitted as essential personal movement or recreation under the principal order:

- hunting or killing of game birds is prohibited from being undertaken as permitted recreation:
- going to care for pets or other animals is permitted in the same or an adjacent region:
- it is clarified that inspecting a new property includes inspecting a potential new property (though doing so would still need to meet general health and safety requirements for how those inspections are carried out):
- it is clarified that the permission to assist or accompany others when travelling applies only to fellow residents.

The following changes are also made to the list of services in Schedule 2 as follows:

- veterinary services and animal health and welfare services are added as a category A service, so that they can continue to have customers and clients in their premises, as occurred at Alert Level 4:
- it is clarified that civil defence emergency management services provided by the National Emergency Management Agency or a Civil Defence Emergency Management Group are a category A service (as are other emergency services):
- the reference in Part 3 to small passenger services is removed as unnecessary (since these are already covered in Part 1).

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