



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, delete “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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