



## **COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Amendment Notice 2021**

Pursuant to clause 26 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020, the Minister for COVID-19 Response gives the following notice after complying with that clause.

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### **Notice**

#### **1 Title**

This notice is the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Amendment Notice 2021.

**2 Commencement**

This notice comes into force at 7.59 pm on 25 May 2021.

**3 Principal notice**

This notice amends the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemption and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Notice 2021.

**4 Clause 1 amended (Title)**

In clause 1, replace “Exemption” with “Exemptions”.

**5 Cross-heading above clause 6 replaced**

Replace the cross-heading above clause 6 with:

*Exemptions relating to QFT flights*

**6 Cross-heading above clause 7 replaced**

Replace the cross-heading above clause 7 with:

*Conditions of general application for QFT flights*

**7 New clauses 10 and 11 and cross-headings inserted**

After clause 9, insert:

*Condition for QFT flights relating to State of Victoria, Australia*

**10 Person must not have been in State of Victoria, Australia at or after specified time**

- (1) An exemption under clause 6(1) is subject to the condition set out in this clause.
- (2) The condition is that the person has not been in the State of Victoria, Australia at or after 7.59 pm on 25 May 2021 (New Zealand time).
- (3) The condition applies only in relation to a QFT flight that departs for New Zealand on or after the commencement of this clause.

*Exemptions relating to relocating flights from State of Victoria, Australia*

**11 Exemptions for aircrew members and others on relocating flights**

- (1) A relevant worker is exempt from clause 8(2A) and (3) of the Air Border Order if—
  - (a) they arrive in New Zealand on an aircraft undertaking a flight from the State of Victoria, Australia to New Zealand for the purpose of relocating the aircraft or relevant workers on board (whether or not the aircraft also carries freight) to New Zealand; and

- (b) the owner or charterer of the aircraft undertaking the flight is a QFT carrier.
- (2) It is a condition of the exemption from clause 8(3) of the Air Border Order that a suitably qualified health practitioner responsible for the medical examination and testing of the relevant worker under clause 8(2) of that order is satisfied that the worker is at no more than a low risk of having or transmitting COVID-19.
- (3) An exemption under this clause applies only in relation to a flight that departs for New Zealand on or after the commencement of this clause.
- (4) See clauses 20 and 21 of the Air Border Order, which set out exemptions for specified aircrew members, including exemptions from clause 8(2A) and (3) of that order.
- (5) In this clause,—
  - QFT carrier** has the meaning given by clause 4A(2) of the Air Border Order
  - relevant worker** means—
    - (a) an aircrew member who is not a specified aircrew member; or
    - (b) any person, other than an aircrew member, who is on the aircraft on which they arrive in New Zealand at the direction of a QFT carrier for which they work.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of May 2021.

Hon Chris Hipkins,  
Minister for COVID-19 Response.

### Explanatory note

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

This notice amends the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemption and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Notice 2021 (the **principal notice**). It comes into force at 7.59 pm on 25 May 2021 and applies only in relation to a flight that departs at or after that time.

The principal notice exempts a person who arrives in New Zealand on a quarantine-free travel flight (or QFT flight) from the requirement in the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020 (the **Air Border Order**) for isolation or quarantine after arrival in New Zealand.

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This notice imposes an additional condition on the exemption. The condition is that the person has not been in the State of Victoria, Australia at or after 7.59 pm on 25 May 2021 (New Zealand time).

This notice also exempts relevant workers from the requirement for isolation or quarantine if they arrive in New Zealand from the State of Victoria, Australia on a flight undertaken by a QFT carrier to relocate the aircraft or those workers. The relevant workers are—

- aircrew members who are not ordinarily resident in New Zealand; or
- persons, other than aircrew members, who work for the QFT carrier.

An exemption for aircrew members who are ordinarily resident in New Zealand from the requirement to isolate or quarantine is provided for by the Air Border Order.

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