



COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Amendment Notice (No 2) 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 (No 2) 2021.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force at 11.59 pm on 31 May 2021.

3 Principal notice

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

4 Clause 7 amended (Person must have made required statement before boarding)

In clause 7(2)(b)(ii), after “qualifying pre-departure test”, insert “(unless the person is younger than 2 years old or an aircrew member)”.

5 Cross-heading above clause 10 amended

In the cross-heading above clause 10, replace “*Condition*” with “*Conditions*”.

6 New clause 10A inserted (Evidence of qualifying pre-departure test if person has been in the State of Victoria, Australia during specified period)

After clause 10, insert:

10A Evidence of qualifying pre-departure test if person has been in State of Victoria, Australia during specified period

- (1) An exemption under clause 6(1) is subject to the condition set out in this clause.
- (2) The condition is that, before the person boarded the aircraft, a statement was made by, or on behalf of, the person that they have evidence of a qualifying pre-departure test if they have been in the State of Victoria, Australia at any time—
 - (a) after 11.59 pm on 19 May 2021 (New Zealand time); and
 - (b) before 7.59 pm on 25 May 2021 (New Zealand time).
- (3) The condition does not apply to—
 - (a) a person who is younger than 2 years old; or
 - (b) an aircrew member.
- (4) The condition applies only in relation to a QFT flight that departs for New Zealand on or after the commencement of this clause.
- (5) In this clause, **qualifying pre-departure test** has the meaning given by clause 7(3).

Dated at Wellington this 28th 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 (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Notice 2021 (the **principal notice**). It comes into force at 11.59 pm on 31 May 2021 and applies only in relation to a QFT flight that departs at or after that time.

The principal notice exempts a person who arrives in New Zealand on an aircraft undertaking a quarantine-free travel flight (or QFT flight) from the requirement in the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020 for isolation or quarantine after arrival in New Zealand. The exemption is subject to a number of conditions, including 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 imposes an additional condition applying to a person who has been in the State of Victoria before that time. The condition is that, before the person boarded the aircraft, a statement was made by the person, or on their behalf, that they have evidence of a qualifying pre-departure test if they have been in that State at any time—

- (a) after 11.59 pm on 19 May 2021 (New Zealand time); and
- (b) before 7.59 pm on 25 May 2021 (New Zealand time).

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.