



## **COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Amendment Notice (No 12) 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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### **New Part 10 inserted into Schedule 1**

### **Notice**

- 1 Title**  
This notice is the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Amendment Notice (No 12) 2021.
- 2 Commencement**  
This notice comes into force at 11.59 pm on 19 July 2021.
- 3 Principal notice**  
This notice amends the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Notice 2021.

**4 Clause 3 amended (Interpretation)**

In clause 3(1), insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

**specified 14-day period**, in relation to a person, means the period that—

- (a) starts at the beginning of the 14th day before the day on which the person boards the aircraft undertaking the QFT flight concerned; and
- (b) ends when the person boards the aircraft.

**5 Clause 10 amended (Person must not have been in affected Australian State at or after specified time)**

Replace clause 10(3) with:

- (3) The condition does not apply to a person who—
  - (a) is an aircrew member; or
  - (b) has not been in an affected Australian State during the specified 14-day period.

**6 Clause 10A amended (Evidence of qualifying pre-departure test)**

Replace clause 10A(3)(c) with:

- (c) the only place in Australia where the person has been during the specified 14-day period is Norfolk Island.

**7 Schedule 1 amended**

In Schedule 1,—

- (a) insert the Part set out in the Schedule of this notice as the last Part; and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

**Schedule**

**New Part 10 inserted into Schedule 1**

**Part 10**

**Provision relating to COVID-19 Public Health Response  
(Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel)  
Amendment Notice (No 12) 2021**

**16 QFT flights departing before commencement of Amendment Notice**

- (1) Clauses 10(3) and 10A(3)(c), as in force immediately before the commencement of the Amendment Notice, continue to apply in relation to a QFT flight that departed for New Zealand before the commencement of the Amendment Notice.

- (2) In this clause, **Amendment Notice** means the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Exemptions and Conditions for Quarantine-free Travel) Amendment Notice (No 12) 2021.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of July 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 19 July 2021.

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

One condition is that a person has not been in—

- the State of New South Wales at or after 10.30 pm on 26 June 2021 (New Zealand time); or
- the State of Victoria at or after 1.59 am on 16 July 2021 (New Zealand time).

This notice enables a person who was in New South Wales or Victoria at or after the specified time to return on a QFT flight, provided that they have not been in either State within the 14-day period before the scheduled departure of their QFT flight (and they comply with the other applicable conditions in the principal notice).

This notice also replaces clause 10A(3)(c) of the principal notice so that the condition in clause 10A (which relates to pre-departure testing) does not apply to a person if Norfolk Island is the only place in Australia where they have been in the 14-day period before the scheduled departure of their QFT flight.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.