



## COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Amendment Order (No 4) 2021

This order is made by the Minister for COVID-19 Response under sections 11 and 15(1) of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 in accordance with section 9 of that Act.

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### Order

#### 1 Title

This order is the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Amendment Order (No 4) 2021.

#### 2 Commencement

This order comes into force at 11.59 pm on 7 November 2021.

#### 3 Principal order

This order amends the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020.

#### 4 Clause 11 amended (Early end to period of isolation or quarantine for certain people)

After clause 11(5), insert:

*Exception for certain arrivals from Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, or Vanuatu*

- (6) Subclause (7) applies to a person who arrived in New Zealand by air from Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, or Vanuatu before 11.59 pm on 7 November 2021.

- (7) The chief executive of MBIE may end the person's **period of isolation or quarantine** earlier than it would otherwise end under clause 10(1) if satisfied—
- (a) that the person has not, during the period of 14 days before 8 November 2021, been in any country other than New Zealand, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, or Vanuatu; and
  - (b) that the person meets the low-risk indicators, based on the advice of a suitably qualified health practitioner.

Dated at Wellington this 5th day of November 2021.

Hon Chris Hipkins,  
Minister for COVID-19 Response.

### Explanatory note

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

This order amends the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020 (the **Isolation and Quarantine Order**). It comes into force at 11.59 pm on 7 November 2021.

The effect of the amendments is to enable the chief executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment to end a person's period of isolation or quarantine early if—

- the person arrived in New Zealand by air from Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, or Vanuatu before 11.59 pm on 7 November 2021, which is when those countries become QFT places under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020 (the **Air Border Order**); and
- the chief executive is satisfied that—
  - the person has not been in any country other than New Zealand, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, or Vanuatu during the period of 14 days before this order comes into force (this requirement is similar to the QFT prerequisite in clause 3 of Schedule 2 of the Air Border Order); and
  - the person meets the low-risk indicators, as defined in clause 4(1) of the Isolation and Quarantine Order.

This order must be approved by a resolution of the House of Representatives before the end of the period described in section 16(2) of the Act. If that does not happen, the order is revoked at the end of that period.

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