



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Rollover of Border Measures

Portfolio Health

On 30 March 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** the current categorisations for travel restrictions as of 19 March 2020:

Category	Coming from or have been through in 14 days prior to travel to New Zealand
Category 1A: Cannot travel to New Zealand	All countries
Category 1B: Can travel to New Zealand but must self-isolate for 14 days	People to whom Category 1A does not apply, except air and marine crew.
Category 2: Can travel to New Zealand and must self-isolate for 14 days if unwell	None.

- 2 **noted** that the current travel restrictions expire at 23:59 hours on Tuesday, 31 March 2020;

- 3 **agreed** to maintain the current border measures with the next review at the same time as re-consideration of COVID-19 alert levels;

- 4 **noted** that Category 1A restrictions will continue not to apply to:

4.1 New Zealand citizens and residence class visa holders (including the Realm, but not including a person arriving in New Zealand for the first time who holds a residence class visa that was granted offshore);

4.2 the partner, legal guardian, or any dependent children travelling with a New Zealand citizen or residence class visa holder;

4.3 Australian citizens and permanent residence class visa holders ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

4.4 people subject to regulation 25 of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010, which includes air and marine crew;

- 5 **agreed** that Category 1A restrictions will continue to not apply to diplomats accredited to New Zealand and currently resident in New Zealand;

- 6 **agreed** that exceptions can continue to be sought in relation to Category 1A on a case-by-case basis, for:
- 6.1 humanitarian reasons;
 - 6.2 essential health workers;
 - 6.3 citizens of Samoa and Tonga for essential travel to New Zealand; and
 - 6.4 partners or dependents of a temporary work or student visa holder, and who normally live in New Zealand;
 - 6.5 any other essential workers identified by the group of Ministers with Power to Act;
- 7 **agreed** that the requirement to self-isolate will continue not to apply to air and marine crew to allow flights to continue operating;
- 8 **agreed** that those subject to Category 1A border restrictions, but who are eligible to travel to Australia as their final destination, are able to transit via New Zealand as long as that transit remains airside and does not allow entry into New Zealand;
- 9 **invited** the Minister of Immigration to give effect to the above decisions through certifying Immigration Instructions, as appropriate.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet