

## **Exemption of Persons From Clause 8(2B) of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020**

Pursuant to clause 26 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020 (“Order”), I, Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for COVID-19 Response, having taken into account the advice of the Director-General of Health, declare that the following persons are exempt from clause 8(2B) of the Order (being the pre-departure testing requirements):

Persons who arrive in New Zealand as aircrew members and are not ordinarily resident in New Zealand

An aircrew member is defined in the Order, as meaning any person who:

1. is identified as a crew member on the crew manifest for the aircraft on which they arrive in New Zealand; or
2. is not identified as a crew member on that manifest but is on the aircraft at the direction of an airline for which they work as a pilot, co-pilot, or flight attendant;

This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

1. a person subject to this exemption must have:
  - a. a negative result from a COVID-19 test (as defined in clause 8(5) of the Order and as specified by the Director-General of Health) administered no more than seven days immediately before the person’s arrival in New Zealand; or
  - b. a certificate that verifies that the person
    - i. was examined by a medical practitioner (as defined in clause 4(1) of the Order) no more than seven days immediately before the person’s arrival in New Zealand; and
    - ii. was determined to have particular physical or other needs that made it inappropriate for the person to undergo a COVID-19 test; and
    - iii. did not exhibit symptoms of COVID-19; or
  - c. in the case of a positive result from a COVID-19 test administered no more than seven days immediately before the person’s arrival in New Zealand, a certificate that verifies that a medical practitioner (as defined in clause 4(1) of the Order) considers that the person is no longer infectious; and
2. a person subject to this exemption must produce evidence of the result of that COVID-19 test or certificate if requested by one or more of the following:
  - a. a health protection officer;
  - b. an immigration officer;
  - c. an enforcement officer.

The exemption will begin at 11.59pm on **5 May 2021**.

The Exemption of Persons From Clause 8(2B) of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order (No 2) 2020 ([New Zealand Gazette, 29 January 2021, Notice No. 2021-go341](#)) is revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of April 2021.

HON CHRIS HIPKINS, Minister for COVID-19 Response.