

COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order 2021—Specification of Approved System for Traveller Declaration and of Traveller Pass for the Purposes of New Zealand Traveller Declaration System Pilots

1. Pursuant to clause 59 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order 2021 (“Order”), I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, Director-General of Health, make this notice.

2. Words and expressions in this notice have the meanings given to them in the Order.

Commencement and Application of Notice

3. This notice will come into force at 11.59pm on 27 February 2022.

4. This notice applies only in relation to persons participating in an New Zealand Traveller Declaration System Pilot (NZTD Pilot).

5. NZTD Pilot means a pilot organised by the New Zealand Traveller Declaration programme for the purposes of operationally testing the New Zealand Traveller Declaration system. An NZTD Pilot may occur between 27 February 2022 and 25 March 2022.

6. A person may participate in an NZTD Pilot by invitation only via an approved pilot partner that is endorsed by the New Zealand Traveller Declaration programme.

7. The *New Zealand Gazette* notice issued by the Director-General of Health titled “Information Necessary to Support Public Health Response to COVID-19 Traveller Health Declaration Information, and Self-Isolation Information” applies for any other person to whom clauses 12 and 23 of the Order applies.

Specification of Approved Systems for Traveller Declarations and collection of information

8. For the purposes of NZTD Pilots and clauses 4 and 23 of the Order, the New Zealand Traveller Declaration system, further described at paragraph 9 of this notice, is an **approved system**.

9. Features and functions of the New Zealand Traveller Declaration system include:

- a. The system is operated by the New Zealand Customs Service with support from the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment and the Ministry of Health.
- b. The system incorporates both manual and automated digital processes.
- c. The system collects the information specified in this notice to:
 - i. Identify the border requirements schedule that applies to a person.
 - ii. Assess that a person meets the requirements of applicable COVID-19 provisions relevant to a person’s travel to, and arrival in, New Zealand.
 - iii. Identify the Subpart 1-Consequences, which relate to self-isolation, isolation, quarantine and arrival to New Zealand applicable to a person under the Order
The system utilises automated digital processes and rules, together with manual input and review, for these purposes.
- d. The system assesses whether the information provided through, or in connection with, a traveller declaration is believed on reasonable grounds to be genuine and not false or misleading.
- e. The system issues traveller passes to persons that meet applicable COVID-19 provisions and that have provided the specified information within the specified period in their traveller declaration. Alternatively, the system may communicate to a person that they have not met the requirements for a traveller pass to be issued and any reasons for this.
- f. A traveller pass that has been issued to a person may be revoked if that person has not arrived in New Zealand, and that person no longer meets the requirements of applicable COVID-19 provisions or where the information that a person provided is believed on reasonable grounds to be false or misleading.

Specified Information for Traveller Declaration Through the New Zealand Traveller Declaration System

10. For the purposes of NZTD Pilots and pursuant to clauses 23, 24, and 25 of the Order I hereby specify that the following information and confirmations may be required, as applicable, from any person that makes a declaration through the New Zealand Traveller Declaration system:

1. Full name.
2. Date of birth.

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3. The following passport details:
 - a. Passport number.
 - b. Passport expiry date.
 - c. Nationality on passport.
4. First port of departure for direct flight or first connecting flight.
5. Date and time of direct flight or first connecting flight.
6. Flight number.
7. Scheduled date of arrival.
8. Date of departure from New Zealand (if applicable).
9. The following details of an emergency contact person:
 - a. Full name.
 - b. Relationship to arrival.
 - c. Phone number.
 - d. Email address (if any).
10. Contact email (for traveller or their guardian).
11. Contact phone number (for traveller or their guardian).
12. New Zealand contact address, or details of motor home or tour provider and locality.
13. Countries visited in the specified 14-day period.
14. Proof of COVID-19 test, certificate, or indication of exemption, in accordance with clauses 14 and 15 of the Order.
15. Proof of vaccination, certificate, or indication of exemption, in accordance with clause 13 of the Order.
16. Evidence of confirmed allocation for managed isolation or quarantine in accordance with clause 21 of the Order.
17. Confirmation that a person is not waiting for test results, in accordance with clause 16 of the Order.
18. Confirmation that a person is not subject to public health direction in another country, in accordance with clause 17 of the Order.
19. Confirmation that a person has not prematurely ended a period of isolation or quarantine, in accordance with clause 18 of the Order.
20. New Zealand citizenship status.
21. Whether the person is travelling in a group, such as a sports team or as a relevant family member.

11. For the purposes of an NZTD Pilot, The New Zealand Traveller Declaration system may require that a person provide some or all of the information specified in paragraph 10 of this notice.

12. A person required to make a declaration through the New Zealand Traveller Declaration system, or that is making a declaration on another person's behalf, must do so before the person's direct flight or first connecting flight to New Zealand begins.

Specification of Traveller Pass

13. For the purposes of NZTD Pilots and pursuant to clause 12 of the Order, I specify a **traveller pass** to be a pass issued by the New Zealand Traveller Declaration system.

14. The pass may:

- a. Provide identifying information as to the pass recipient and identify the direct flight or connecting flight to which the pass relates.
- b. Identify that the recipient has evidenced that they meet applicable COVID-19 provisions relevant to their travel to, and arrival in New Zealand.
- c. Indicate the Subpart 1-Consequences, which relate to self-isolation, isolation, quarantine and arrival to New Zealand applicable to a person under the Order.
- d. Indicate, if applicable (for example if a person is relying on a medical certificate), that air carrier representatives and border officials should seek further evidence that a person meets applicable COVID-19 provisions.
- e. Be issued in electronic or paper format.

15. The pass may include some or all of the information specified in paragraph 14 of this notice.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of February 2022.

DR ASHLEY BLOOMFIELD, Director-General of Health.

