

STANDING EXEMPTION – TRAVELLERS FROM NEW ZEALAND

*Class exemption permitting Travellers from New Zealand
to enter the ACT without undergoing quarantine*

*Made under the Public Health Act 1997,
section 120 (Emergency actions and directions)*

Exemption in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the
**ACT Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency
Direction 2020 (No 8)**

EXEMPTED TRAVELLERS FROM NEW ZEALAND PERMITTED ENTRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

1. I, Dr Vanessa Johnston, Acting Chief Health Officer for the Australian Capital Territory, certify that subject to the conditions in Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 under this Standing Exemption **exempted travellers from New Zealand** are permitted to enter the Australian Capital Territory without undergoing quarantine in accordance with the Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 8).

EXEMPTION CONDITIONS FOR EXEMPTED TRAVELLERS FROM NEW ZEALAND

2. **Exempted travellers from New Zealand** must not enter the Australian Capital Territory if they have developed symptoms of COVID-19.
3. Should any **exempted traveller from New Zealand** develop symptoms of COVID-19 while in the Australian Capital Territory they must:
 - a. immediately present to a COVID-19 testing centre; and
 - b. undergo a COVID-19 test; and
 - c. self-isolate until informed that the test result has returned negative.



DEFINITIONS

4. A person is an **exempted traveller from New Zealand** for the purposes of this Standing Exemption if the person:
- a. completed and submitted a self-declaration card to the Australian Border Force (ABF) declaring that the person:
 - i. did not have any symptoms of COVID-19; and
 - ii. had been in New Zealand for 14 days prior to arrival into Australia; and
 - iii. had not been in contact with a known case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days; and
 - b. was permitted entry into Australia having travelled directly by air from New Zealand.

NOTES

Be advised that:

- this instrument exempts travellers from New Zealand only from the requirements of the Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 8). Restrictions may be imposed on persons (including travellers from New Zealand) seeking to enter the ACT from another Australian jurisdiction. All travellers to the ACT are advised to consult information available on the ACT's <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/> website.
- all persons that receive a positive test result for COVID-19 become subject to the ACT Public Health (Self-Isolation) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 4).
- information of all persons authorised to enter the ACT, or to whom an exemption has been granted, may be shared with other Government agencies (including ACT Policing and Government agencies outside the ACT Government) for the purposes of identity verification and the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with State and Territory public health laws.
- this instrument revokes and replaces previous Standing Exemptions applying to travellers from New Zealand.
- I have considered human rights in issuing this standing exemption.

Dr Vanessa Johnston

Acting Chief Health Officer

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OFFENCE AND PENALTIES

Failure to comply with conditions of an exemption granted under the ACT Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 8) will constitute a breach of the Direction itself.

Failure to comply with the ACT Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 8) is an offence under section 120 (4) of the *Public Health Act 1997*, which provides that:

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with a direction under this section.

Maximum Penalty: In the case of a natural person, \$8,000 (50 penalty units).

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