



INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO.3 DOMESTIC TRAVEL MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No roadblocks are to be established by any person, including authorised officers, except for those Directed by the Controller.
2. All domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:
 - a. hygiene and social distancing restriction as issued by the Controller;
 - b. all passengers must complete a Domestic Health Declaration Form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival; and
 - c. a person must have a valid reason for travel as listed in Schedule 1.
3. Subject to paragraph 2, unless otherwise restricted by the Controller by written Direction, flights within PNG shall not be restricted.
4. Persons checking in for a domestic flight shall have their temperature checked by the airline staff, a person whose temperature registers at 37.5C or above, shall not be checked-in or allowed to board the flight.
5. Travel by foot, vehicle and vessel between Provinces, unless otherwise restricted by the Controller by written Direction, shall not be restricted.
6. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19. Only Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests shall be allowed to be used.





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7. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 6, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a period of 14 days, but does not commit a criminal offence.
8. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of paragraph 2 and 4 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
9. A person or organization that does not comply with the directions of an Authorised Officer in accordance with preceding paragraphs shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
10. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
11. These Measures come into effect on 10 March 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



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DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM
CONTROLLER

9th March 2021



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Schedule 1 – Valid Reasons for Domestic Air Travel

1. Students returning to their usual place of residence or returning to their educational institution (one way tickets to be issued);
2. Persons returning to their usual residence (one way tickets to be issued);
3. Essential business travel;
4. Seeking medical assistance and medivac; and
5. Emergency transport, including but not limited to repatriation of deceased persons.

