



INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
NO.2 INTERNATIONAL 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. A port of entry stated in Column One in Schedule 1, being a port of entry into Papua New Guinea ('PNG') from another country is:
 - a. a First Port of Entry for aircrafts or vessels coming from another country into PNG as stated in Column Two for the time period of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act; and
 - b. a quarantine station for the performance of quarantine by any authorised person on any vessel, person, animal, plant or goods coming from another country into PNG;
 - c. designated as a Point of Entry for the purposes of Article 20(1) of the *International Health Regulations* (2005).
2. No vehicle, vessel or aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG which is not declared a First Port of Entry per paragraph 1 of these Measures.
3. No aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG, unless:
 - a. it is a regularly-scheduled flight operated by an organization listed in Schedule 2; or
 - b. provided authorization in writing by the Controller.
4. No person(s) shall cause a vehicle, vessel or aircraft to arrive at a port of entry in Papua New Guinea which is not a declared First Port of Entry under paragraph 1 of these Measures.





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5. No person is permitted to enter PNG on a tourist visa, except if provided an exemption in writing by the Controller.
6. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for Papua New Guinea or otherwise enter Papua New Guinea, unless they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 using one of the vaccines listed in Schedule 8, unless they are:
 - a. under the age of 18; or
 - b. a Papua New Guinea citizen or permanent resident.
7. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG Guinea or otherwise enter Papua New Guinea, unless provided an exemption in writing by the Controller or his delegate, applications must:
 - a. include the documents contained in Schedule 4; and
 - b. persons must have the documents set out in Schedule 5 when checking in to travel.
8. All travel exemptions obtained in accordance with these Measures will be valid for 60 days from the date of approval.
9. All travel exemptions obtained in accordance with these Measures may only be used once.
10. Travel operators to PNG will check all persons at check-in for the documents listed in Schedule 5, a person must not be allowed to book a flight without these documents.
11. Subject to paragraph 12 and 13, no person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless:
 - a. they have been tested for COVID-19 within a 72-hour period prior to boarding at their first port of departure to PNG; and
 - b. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19.





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12. For the purposes of paragraph 10, only Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) shall be accepted.
13. Children aged five years and under are not required to be tested in accordance with paragraph 11.
14. All travellers are to complete the e-Health Declaration Form prior to boarding a flight into PNG.
15. All incoming arrivals shall be tested for COVID-19.
16. Subject to paragraph 17 and 18, no incoming arrival shall be quarantined.
17. Persons who test positive for COVID-19, on their test upon arrival, shall be quarantined, details of this quarantine shall be conducted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Controller and at the individuals own cost.
18. Citizens and Permanent Residents who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, or any persons who has been at any point in the past 14 days in a country or region designated by the Controller in a Direction as High Risk, regardless of vaccine status must:
 - a. quarantine under these Measures at a designated place in Schedule 2, or at their residence in Port Moresby or Central Province, or at another located as directed by the Controller;
 - b. except children aged 5 years and under for unvaccinated persons, be tested on arrival, day 7, day 12 of quarantine;
 - c. reside and remain in that place self-quarantined and segregated from other persons, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the fourteenth day after arrival into PNG;
 - d. for the duration of a person's quarantine be monitored through an approved tracking device, as listed in schedule 6, by an approved organization as listed in schedule 7.

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- e. the fee applicable for the purposes of paragraph 18(d) is set out in schedule 8.
19. All foreign personnel travelling on diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport who have not been vaccinated using a vaccine listed in Schedule 9, are exempted from the requirements in paragraph 17 and 18 but must quarantine at an appropriate residence, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the twenty first day after arrival into PNG.
20. For the purposes of paragraph 19, failure to adhere to quarantine for the required period is not an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
21. For the purposes of paragraph 19, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for the required period may be declared a persona non-grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961*.
22. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.
23. Persons unable to live independently without ongoing or regular support due to significant health needs, and their carer, who arrive in PNG from overseas may also be quarantined together, with suitable arrangements being made for accommodation.
24. Persons may leave a designated place prior to the end of their designated quarantine:
- a. for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care; or
 - b. with authorisation of the Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies; or
 - c. in an emergency situation, including evacuation of the designated place; or
 - d. for any reason approved in advance by the Controller or his delegate.
25. For the purposes of paragraph 18, an organisation may undertake this testing so long as their staff are licensed health practitioners and the organisation is properly licensed in PNG.



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26. For the purposes of the testing requirements in paragraph 18, it is the responsibility of the quarantine provider listed in Schedule 2, to:
- a. organise the testing for individuals quarantining at their facilities;
 - b. pay for testing of individuals at their facilities, this fee may be passed onto to the quarantined person; and
 - c. pass on all test results to the National Control Centre in a timely manner.
27. A person who refuses to be tested for COVID-19, as required by these measures, shall be quarantined for an additional fourteen days from the date of refusal to be tested, at the individual's cost, but shall not be deemed to have committed an offence.
28. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any aircraft is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the plane or the immediate vicinity of the aircraft for the purposes of conducting pre-flight inspections and refueling.
29. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any vessel is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the vessel.
30. A person aged under 18 accompanied by a guardian, irrespective of vaccination status, shall quarantine for the same period and at the same location, as their guardian who is accompanying them.
31. A person aged under 18 accompanied by a guardian, whose guardian is not required to quarantine, shall not be required to quarantine, irrespective of vaccination status.
32. A person under 18 who is unaccompanied by a guardian shall be subject to quarantine as determined by the Controller on a case by case basis.
33. The Controller may exempt a person from some or all, of the International Travel Measures, at his sole discretion and subject to conditions he imposes.





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34. Subject to paragraph 33, for the purposes of paragraph 17 and 18 an individual who fails to adhere to the required period of quarantine shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
35. For the purposes of paragraph 33 a person who fails to adhere to the conditions imposed by the Controller shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
36. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
37. A person that attempts to or does enter PNG in breach of these Measures shall be returned to their original port of departure at the cost of travel operator if they did not take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with these Measures, or the individual at the Controller's discretion.
38. These measures are in compliance with the COVID-19 measures issued by the International Civil Aviation Authority.
39. Authorised Officers shall ensure appropriate levels of surveillance and border monitoring systems are in place throughout the country for international travel and in particular at the traditional border crossing areas.
40. These Measures come into effect on 24 September 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:

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, O.St.J, QPM
CONTROLLER

24th September 2021



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Schedule 1 Port of Entry

Column 1	Column 2
Jacksons Airport	Aircraft
Motukea Port, Port Moresby	Vessel
Port of Rabaul	Vessel
Port of Morobe	Vessel
Ports of Madang	Vessel
Port of Kimbe	Vessel

Schedule 2 – Permitted Airline Operators

Air Niugini

PNG Air

Hevilift

Tropic Air

Pacific Direct Limited





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Schedule 3 – Designated Hotel and Facilities

Holiday Inn Hotel	Lamana Hotel
Ok Tedi Mining LTD	Air Niugini Apartments
Ela Beach Hotel	Gateway Hotel
Oil Search LTD	Simberi
Grand Papua Hotel	Dixies Bungalows
Exxon Mobil	Swiss Evangelical Bible Mission
Ramu Nickel	New Tribes Mission
Hilton Hotel	AES Facilities
Hidden Valley	Northbuild Camp Facility
Stanley Hotel	TWM Roku facility
NewCrest Lihir	MSF Facilities
Airways Hotel	Dougura Isolation Facility
Summer Institute of Linguistic	NKW Lae 9 Mile Isolation Facility
Comfort Inn	Kumul Petroleum Academy – Idubada
Pacific Helicopters	Liebenzell Mission International – Gordons
Hideaway Hotel	K92 Gold Mine – Kainantu
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	Lae International Hotel





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Schedule 4 – International Travel Requirements for Travel Applications

- Cover Letter
- International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- Passport Biodata Page
- Work Permit (if applicable)
- Visa (if applicable)
- Home quarantine request (if applicable)
- Proof of Vaccination – Vaccination certificate

Schedule 5 – International Travel Requirements for Flight Check In

- PCR or Abbot Panbio Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test Result (Negative)
- Approved International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- e-Health Declaration Form barcode (<https://www.pnghdf.info>)
- Proof of Vaccination – Vaccination certificate (not applicable for Citizens or Permanent Residents)

Schedule 6 – Approved Tracking Devices

- Schedule 4 Designated Locations and Hotels – Smart Phone Application.
- All other approved quarantine locations – Smart Phone Application or Ankle Bracelet.
- For the purposes of the above paragraphs if a person does not have a smart phone, then an Ankle Bracelet will be used.





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Schedule 7 – Approved Tracking Organisations

- Trakpro

Schedule 8 – Approved Fees for Tracking Devices

- Smart Phone Application – K40 per day
- Ankle Bracelet – K100 per day

Schedule 9 – Approved Vaccines

Vaccine Name	Number of Doses to be Fully Vaccinated
Oxford-AstraZenica COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine	1
Sinopharm-BBIBP	2
CoronaVac Sinovac	2


