



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 roadblocks at provincial borders and as Directed in writing by the Controller or the relevant provincial police commander.
2. Subject to paragraph 3 and 4, no person may travel, by foot, vehicle, vessel or aircraft, from one province in PNG to another province, except for persons who are working for an organization exempted under Schedule 1 of these Measures or who have approval from the Controller, his delegate or the provincial administer from the province from which the persons journey originates.
3. Travel between the National Capital District and Central Province shall not be restricted and no roadblocks shall be established between the National Capital District and Central Province, unless Directed in writing by the Controller.
4. Travel between Central Province and Kerema Open Electorate in Gulf Province shall not be restricted and no roadblocks shall be established between Central Province and Kerema Open Electorate in Gulf Province.
5. All domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:
 - a. hygiene and social distancing restriction as issued by the Controller;
 - b. all passengers have been tested negative for COVID-19 within 1-day period prior to boarding an aircraft;
 - c. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19; and





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- d. all passengers must complete a National Department of Health form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival.
6. 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.
7. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19.
8. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 7, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a period of 14 days, but does not commit a criminal offence.
9. All medical transportation and medical evacuation flights are exempted from these Measures.
10. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of paragraphs 5 and 6 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
11. An individual or organisation that fails to comply with paragraph 2 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
12. 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.





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13. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.

14. These Measures come into effect on 13 April 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:



12th April 2021

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DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM
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Schedule 1 – Approved Organisations and Persons

- Flight crews, cargo vehicle crews, vessel crews, flight engineers and technical crews.
- Licensed Security Companies – restricted to personnel providing security services.
- Telecommunication service providers or persons assisting in the delivery of telecommunications services.
- Military personnel.
- Police personnel.
- Judicial personnel.
- Members of Parliament.
- Public Servants with written approval to travel from their respective agency head.
- Persons working on the COVID-19 response.
- Health workers or persons assisting in the delivery of health services.
- Emergency personnel and support staff (including but not limited to, St John Ambulance, Médecins Sans Frontières, International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, PNG Red Cross Society).
- United Nations.
- World Health Organization.
- Foreign personnel travelling on diplomatic travel documents or diplomatic passport.
- PNG Power;
- Eda Ranu;
- PNG Ports;
- Nuigini Pilots
- Puma Energy.
- Humanitarian organisations (including but not limited to, Rotarians Against Malaria, Marie Stopes, Susu Mama).
- All mining organisations.
- All oil and gas organisations.
- Burnet Institute.
- Coffey.
- Abt Associates.

