



**INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**  
**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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**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 person may travel by aircraft, from one province in PNG to another province, except for persons who have a valid reason for travel as listed in Schedule 1 of these Measures or who have approval from the Controller, his delegate or the provincial administrator from the province from which the person's journey originates.
2. All domestic flights must comply with the following requirements:
  - a. hygiene and physical 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, with the exception of medivac and emergency flights;
  - c. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19; and
  - d. all passengers must complete a National Department of Health form which are to be submitted to Provincial Health Authority on arrival.
3. 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, except for medivac and emergency flights.
4. Each province may at its sole discretion require persons arriving in the province to be tested for COVID-19.
5. A person who refuses to be tested under paragraph 4, may be quarantined by the province at a suitable location for a period of 14 days, but does not commit a criminal offence.

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**DAVID MANNING**  
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6. All medical transportation and medical evacuation flights are exempted from these Measures.
7. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
8. An individual or organisation that fails to comply with paragraph 1 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 13 May 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:



13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM  
CONTROLLER



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#### Schedule 1 – Valid Reasons for Domestic Travel

1. Students returning to their usual place of residence or returning to their educational institutions (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.

