



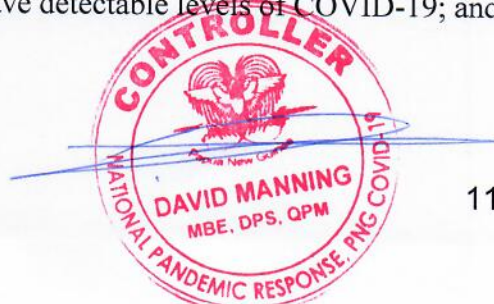
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**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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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 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 have a valid reason for travel as listed in Schedule 1 or 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. For the purposes of paragraph 5(b), an Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test shall be accepted.
7. If a person returns a positive RDT, they may not fly unless they return a negative RT-PCR test.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. All medical transportation and medical evacuation flights are exempted from these Measures.
12. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft in breach of paragraphs 5 and 8 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
13. 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.
14. 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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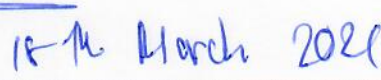
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15. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.

16. These Measures come into effect on 22 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**

**Schedule 1 – Valid Reasons for Travel**

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