



GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

TE KAUNO TUTARA E TE MANA TIAKI - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION
30th August 2020

Notice of amended Travel advisory dated 30th August 2020

The current Section 9A notice, signed into effect from 12 May and still active, is as follows;

All persons are denied entry into the Cook Islands unless there is an exemption provided (in writing) by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration.

Effective from **11.59pm Sunday 30th August 2020 (CKT)**, the following people are exempted for entry into the Cook Islands, provided they meet the entry criteria specified below;

- i. Cook Islanders (as verified via Cook Islands Status stamp)*
- ii. Permanent Residents of the Cook Islands*
- iii. Cook Islands work permit holders*
- iv. Cook Islands resident permit holders*

Entry criteria

- *Must have spent the last 14 days in New Zealand prior to entry into the Cook Islands*
- *Must have confirmation of medical clearance from Te Marae Ora-Ministry of Health, verifying negative COVID-19 test result within the 96 hours (4 days) prior to travel to the Cook Islands.*
- *Comply with the Clinical and Medical criteria to be administered by Te Marae Ora and,*
- *Agree to supervised Quarantine in pre-approved residence on arrival into Rarotonga for a period of 14 days.*

All requests for entry into the Cook Islands under this provision must be sought from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration (*Te Kauono Tutara e te Mana Tiaki*) on email: immigration2@cookislands.gov.ck.

All travellers must comply with any NZ Government issued Border requirements and Approvals for entry into the Cook Islands and approval of entry will not be a means to bypass these requirements.

All travellers must ensure they are aware and comply with International Border requirements for entry and departure from the Cook Islands.

Te Kauono Tutara e te Mana Tiaki are working with Airlines and the Cook Islands Ministry of Health to manage this process to maintain the Cook islands status as a COVID free country and to ensure stringent Border security requirements are met for the safety of all our residents.

Meitaki maata

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