
LEGAL INSTRUMENTS CREATED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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This document tracks new statutes, regulations, orders, notices, rules and other instruments created in response to COVID-19. New instruments are highlighted in **Green** for that update. The table of contents will also indicate in **Green** sections with new entries. New categories of instrument are highlighted in **yellow**.

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Bills

Bill title	Description	Key dates
Overseas Investment (Urgent Measures) Amendment Bill 2020	<p>This Bill amends the Overseas Investment Act 2005 (the Act). This Bill is 1 of 2 Bills that are being introduced as a package to replace the Overseas Investment Amendment Bill (No 2), which was introduced on 19 March 2020. This Bill contains measures which the Government considers need to be put in place urgently to mitigate the economic effects of COVID-19. The Bill's purpose is to ensure that risks posed by foreign investment can be managed effectively while better supporting productive overseas investment by reducing the regulatory burden of the screening process. These changes are consistent with the Act's purpose that it is a privilege for overseas persons to own or control sensitive New Zealand assets. The Bill is an omnibus Bill, introduced under Standing Order 263(a), which amends a number of Acts to achieve the Bill's single broad purpose.</p>	<p>Introduced 14 May 2020</p> <p>Select committee 25 May 2020</p>
Forests (Regulation of Log Traders and Forestry Advisers) Amendment Bill 2020	<p>COVID-19 has highlighted the need to increase the resilience of the sector to support regional economies and jobs and help ensure security of supply for domestic processors. The Bill will provide some of the critical foundations to help supply-chain stakeholders to navigate what is anticipated to be a more volatile and uncertain trading environment during the COVID-19 recovery period. It also makes provision to recognise and enable Forestry Authority oversight of industry accords or agreements established to support the forestry and wood processing sector during the COVID-19 recovery period and in the longer term that are consistent with the purpose of the Bill.</p>	<p>Introduced 14 May 2020</p>
Social Security (COVID-19 Income Relief Payment to be Income) Amendment Bill	<p>This Bill ensures that a payment received by a person under the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme (the Programme) is treated as the person's income for the purposes of the Social Security Act 2018 (the Act). Payments under the Programme will provide temporary income relief to people who have lost their jobs as a result of the impact of COVID-19. The intention is to ease the income shock individuals and whānau may experience from unemployment. A payment under the Programme will be paid to eligible people for up to 12 weeks, at a rate of \$490 per week if they were previously in full-time employment (30 hours or more a week), or \$250 per week if they were previously in part-time employment (15 to 29 hours a week). The Programme will come into force on 8 June 2020 and will be available for eligible people who have lost their jobs on or after 1 March 2020 and no later than 30 October 2020. People will be able to apply until 13 November 2020.</p>	<p>Introduced 26 May 2020</p> <p>Third reading 27 May 2020</p> <p>Royal Assent [Pending]</p>

Acts

Act title	Description	Date enacted	Commencement
COVID-19 Response (Urgent Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020	<p>This Act amends the Education Act 1989, the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006, the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Residential Tenancies Act 1986, and to make the following measures in order to implement Alert Level 4, or respond effectively to COVID-19—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable the Secretary for Education to issue directions to the governing authorities of education entities including to require them to open and close and to provide education in specified ways such as distance learning; • add District Court Judges to the list of those that can alter the rules of the court; • enable local government and Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups to attend meetings by audio or visual link, and otherwise support the effective operation of those meetings; • enact rent freezes and restricts termination of tenancies. 	25 March 2020	26 March 2020
COVID-19 Response (Taxation and Social Assistance Urgent Measures) Act 2020	<p>This Act introduces amendments to the following legislation: Income Tax Act 2007, Tax Administration Act 1994, Goods and Services Tax Act 1985, Social Security Act 2018, Taxation (Kiwisaver, Student Loans, and Remedial Matters) Act 2020, Commissioner’s Table of Depreciation Rates.</p> <p>The Act aims at assisting the Government’s response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. It includes targeted measures aimed at providing relief to those that have been economically affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. It also includes measures aimed at addressing the broader economic impacts of the outbreak.</p>	25 March 2020	See s 2 .
Imprest Supply (Third for 2019/20) Act 2020	<p>This Act authorises additional expenses, capital expenditure and capital injections for the 2019/2020 year.</p>	25 March 2020	26 March 2020
COVID-19 Response (Taxation and Other Regulatory Urgent Measures) Act 2020	<p>This Act introduces amendments to the following legislation: Income Tax Act 2007, Tax Administration Act 1994, Child Support Act 1991, Animal Welfare Amendment (No 2) Act 2015, Public Finance Act 1989, Crown Entities Act 2004, State Owned Enterprises Act 1986, Credit Contracts Legislation Amendment Act 2019. It aims to assist the Government’s response to impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. Broadly, the policy aspects fall into 2 categories. The first is targeted measures aimed at providing relief to those that have been economically affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The second is measures to address regulatory compliance issues that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. These include the bringing forward or deferral of commencement dates of new legislation, and the extension of timeframes for meeting regulatory deadlines.</p>	30 April 2020	See s 2 . (several commencement dates)

COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020	<p>The Act is designed to establish a single legal framework for the making of orders to respond to COVID-19. The intent is essentially to replace the use of powers under s 70 of the Health Act 1956. The Act: (a) will apply to all Alert Levels under the COVID-19 Alert Level Framework; and (b) addresses the need for some enforcement powers for certain restrictions that may be applied so that these restrictions do not rely on powers provided by a state of national emergency—at Alert Level 2 this may include gatherings and distancing; and (c) establishes decision-making processes that are more modern and consistent with recommended practice by legal academics and others; and (d) has limited retrospective effect to enable the Alert Level 2 order to be prepared and commence immediately, if needed; but (e) does not provide retrospective validation of actions already taken on previous orders.</p>	13 May 2020	13 May 2020
Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020	<p>This Act aims to ensure that the Government can respond appropriately and efficiently to the COVID-19 outbreak by providing additional flexibility in the immigration system. It does so by introducing 8 time-limited powers, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the power to vary or cancel conditions for classes of resident class visa holders: • the power to impose, vary, or cancel conditions for classes of temporary entry class visa holders: • the power to waive any regulatory requirements for certain classes of applications: • the power to grant visas to individuals and classes of people in the absence of an application: • the power to extend the expiry dates of visas for classes of people: • the power to waive the requirement to obtain a transit visa in an individual case: • the power to revoke the entry permission of a person who has been deemed by regulations to hold a visa and to have been granted entry permission: • the power to suspend the ability of classes of people to make applications for visas or submit expressions of interest in applying for visas. <p>These powers will enable the Government to amend visa conditions for large groups of people, extend visas of large groups of people for varying periods of time (enabling processing to be staggered), stop people overseas from making applications while it is not possible to travel to New Zealand due to border restrictions, and refuse entry to certain people with deemed entry permission to prevent them from entering New Zealand while border restrictions are in place. These powers are wide-reaching; they could potentially affect large numbers of people. The Act recognises this and accordingly subjects these powers to a range of safeguards.</p>	15 May 2020	16 May 2020
COVID-19 Response (Further Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020	<p>Amends several pieces of legislation organised by ministerial portfolio to assist the COVID-19 response. Schedules relevant to the operation of the courts include schs 4, 6, 8 and 14.</p>	15 May 2020	16 May 2020 <i>(some exceptions in commencement of sch 18)</i>
COVID-19 Response (Requirements For Entities—Modifications and Exemptions) Act 2020	<p>Provides for certain entities (eg societies, land trusts, etc.) affected by COVID-19 to, in some circumstances, use electronic means for doing things where the governing document would otherwise prevent this; and modify certain requirements or other restrictions in that entity’s rules if it is not practicable to comply therewith.</p>	15 May 2020	16 May 2020

Remuneration Authority (COVID-19 Measures) Amendment Act 2020	Provides for the Remuneration Authority to make temporary reductions in salaries for key public officials listed in new sch 4A during COVID-19.	15 May 2020	16 May 2020
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Regulations

Regulation title	Description	Authority	Date enacted	Commencement
Immigration (Carriers' Information Obligations) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>Amends Immigration (Carriers' Information Obligations) Regulations 2010. The 2010 regulations specify information that carriers, and persons in charge, of a commercial craft (mainly airlines) are required to provide to the chief executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment about persons who intend to travel to and from New Zealand on the craft.</p> <p>This amendment adds a requirement to provide information about persons who intend to travel to New Zealand and who have been in places of concern with respect to the risk of spread of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) within 14 days of checking in.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , ss 400 and 402.	3 February 2020	5 February 2020
Social Security (Exemption from Stand Down—Coronavirus COVID-19) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>To address effects of the coronavirus COVID-19, these Regulations exempt a benefit from a stand down if—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the applicant became entitled to receive it on or after 23 March 2020 and before 23 November 2020; and the application for it was received on or after 23 March 2020 and before 23 November 2020. 	Social Security Act 2018 , s 440.	9 March 2020	Reg 5: 23 Nov 2020 Rest: 13 March 2020
Immigration (Carriers' Information Obligations) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2020	<p>The 2 changes made by these Regulations are—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a technical update to ensure the 2010 regulations use the official name that has been announced by the World Health Organization for the virus (name change from 2019-nCov to COVID-19); and an extension of the period during which the requirement to provide information about persons travelling to New Zealand from places of concern applies to 30 September 2020. 	Immigration Act 2009 , ss 400 and 402.	16 March 2020	15 April 2020
Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>Amends Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010. The amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clarify that if the Minister has suspended a waiver of the requirement to hold a visa to travel to New Zealand in 	Immigration Act 2009 , ss 400 and 402.	16 March 2020	18 March 2020

	<p>respect of a person, then that person's electronic travel authority (ETA) ceases to be valid;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give the Minister the power to issue a special direction extending the time by which a person who has not been granted a visa or entry permission, and who arrives at New Zealand at a place other than an immigration control area, must report to an immigration officer at an immigration control area. • have the effect of inserting extra wording into 2 items that relate to cruise ship passengers and crew. 			
Social Security (COVID-19—Temporary Additional Support and Expiry and Regrant of Benefits) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>Amends Social Security Regulations 2018. Regulation 67 is amended to prescribe a new exceptional circumstances longer fixed period for temporary additional support. However, it will apply only if, when the support is granted, MSD considers that, because of exceptional circumstances (for example, effects of an outbreak of a quarantinable disease), the non-qualification date for the support will be after (rather than before, or at) the end of the standard period. Regulation 189 is amended to prescribe new circumstances in which MSD may consider an exemption from expiry for a specified benefit (jobseeker support or sole parent support). The circumstances are the beneficiary resides in, or is present in and cannot reasonably leave, an area that is or may be affected by—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an outbreak of a quarantinable disease in respect of which an epidemic notice has been given, and is in force; or • exceptional circumstances other than a state of local emergency, a state of national emergency, or an outbreak of a quarantinable disease. 	Social Security Act 2018 , ss 428(1) and (2)(g), and 441(1) and (2)(c).	26 March 2020	30 March 2020
Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance (Exemptions for COVID-19) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>Provides exemptions from certain requirements of the CCCFA 2003 where the borrower has been impacted by the effects of COVID-19. The exemptions facilitate the recently announced 6-month mortgage repayment deferral scheme and relief from other household borrowing from registered banks. The exemptions apply if a registered bank is the creditor and if the borrower is experiencing, or reasonably expects to experience, financial difficulties due to the economic or health effects of COVID-19. The exemptions facilitate variations of existing contracts, and entry into replacement contracts, for the purpose of reducing those difficulties.</p>	Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003 , s 138(1)(ab).	31 March 2020	1 April 2020

Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) (COVID-19—Extension of Duration of Motor Vehicle Licences) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>These regulations, which come into force on the day after the date they are notified in the Gazette (the commencement date), amend the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011. New regulation 14A extends the duration of motor vehicle licences in 2 categories. The categories are licences that — expired or will expire between 1 January 2020 and the day before the commencement date (inclusive) and that remain expired on the commencement date; and expire in the period between the commencement date and 6 months after the commencement date (inclusive). Licences in these 2 categories have effect on and for 6 months from the commencement date.</p>	Land Transport Act 1988 , s 269.	7 April 2020	10 April 2020
Education (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>New regulation 39A is inserted into the principal regulations. The new regulation provides the Secretary for Education with powers that may be exercised in response to a state of emergency or an epidemic notice. The Secretary may—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extend some time periods: • impose additional special conditions on licences: • suspend compliance with specified requirements: • suspend the application of 1 or more criteria that are used in assessing compliance with minimum standards: • defer taking regulatory action that is otherwise required of the Secretary. <p>The Secretary must provide written notice immediately to a service provider, or class of service providers, when exercising these powers.</p>	Education Act 1989 , s 317.	21 April 2020	22 April 2020
Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance (Exemptions for COVID-19) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2020	<p>These regulations provide exemptions for certain non-bank lenders from certain requirements of the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003 (the Act) where the debtor has been impacted by the effects of COVID-19. The exemptions apply if a non-bank lender is the creditor (or the contract manager, in the case of securitisations, etc) and the debtor is experiencing, or reasonably expects to experience, financial difficulties due to the economic or health effects of COVID-19. The exemptions facilitate variations of existing contracts, and entry into replacement contracts, for the purpose of reducing those difficulties.</p>	Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003 , s 138(1)(ab).	11 May 2020	13 May 2020

	The exemptions are from time limits for making disclosure and giving or sending terms under the provisions of the Act listed in new regulation 18E(2). The exemptions are subject to the condition that the lender must make the disclosure, or give or send the terms, as required by the Act as soon as is reasonably practicable.			
Fire and Emergency New Zealand (COVID-19—Fire Safety, Evacuation Procedures, and Evacuation Schemes) Amendment Regulations 2020	Temporarily suspends requirements for owners of buildings to conduct 6-monthly trial evacuations and to notify and implement 6-monthly evacuation training programmes from the time when these regulations come into force and for the remainder of the period when the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 is in force. The 6-month periods for conducting trial evacuations and implementing evacuation training programmes must be calculated without counting any days when the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 is in force.	Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 , ss 187, 191 and 192.	18 May 2020	22 May 2020
Food (Exemption from Compliance with Verification Requirements) Regulations 2020	Exempts certain non-essential food businesses from verification requirements set out in the Food Regulations 2015. The exemption is available if verification is due during a COVID-19 lockdown period, or in the 4 weeks immediately after it, and a business is unable to operate, or able to operate only with restrictions on its operations, because of an order or other restriction made or imposed under specific provisions of the Health Act 1956. The exemption applies from the date on which the first of any relevant orders or restrictions comes into force. If verification of the business is due during a COVID-19 lockdown period, the exemption ends 6 months after the last of the orders or restrictions is revoked. If verification of the business is due during the 4 weeks immediately after a COVID-19 lockdown period, the exemption ends 6 months after the verification is due.	Food Act 2014 , s 343.	18 May 2020	22 May 2020
Customs and Excise (Refunds and Remissions) Amendment Regulations 2020	New reg 71E prescribes when Customs must refund or remit interest or penalty payable in respect of duty that is not fully paid on or before the relevant payment date. Customs must refund/remit the interest or penalty if the duty payer's ability to pay on time is (or was) significantly adversely affected by the effects of COVID-19, the duty payer notified Customs, and has subsequently been paid (or Customs has agreed to accept payment of the duty on a later date or by instalment).	Customs and Excise Act 2018 , s 171.	25 May 2020	29 May 2020

Public and Community Housing Management (Prescribed Elements of Calculation Mechanism) (COVID-19 Income Relief Payment to be Income) Amendment Regulations 2020	<p>The amendments are about a person’s weekly income for the purposes of public housing. In particular, the amendments ensure that a person’s weekly income for calculation of income-related rent includes a payment received by the person under the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment Programme. The Programme will be established under the Social Security Act 2018. Payments under the Programme will provide temporary income relief to people who have lost their jobs as a result of the impact of COVID-19, and will be paid for up to 12 weeks instead of an income-tested main benefit under that Act. The intention is to ease the income shock individuals and whānau may experience from unemployment.</p>	Public and Community Housing Management Act 1992 , s 114.	25 May 2020	8 June 2020
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Health Act 1956 or COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 orders

Order title	Description	Authority	Date issued	Commencement
Section 70(1)(f) Order by Medical Officer of Health (16 March 2020) [relating to requirement to quarantine on arrival in New Zealand] <i>[Expired]</i>	Requires all persons arriving in New Zealand (except those from certain countries) after 1.00 am on 16 March 2020 to quarantine themselves for 14 days in accordance with MOH guidelines. Expires after 14 days.	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(f).	16 March 2020	16 March 2020 <i>[Expired]</i>
Section 70(1)(m) Health Act Order by Director-General of Health (25 March 2020). <i>[Revoked]</i>	Order by Director-General of Health under s 70(1)(m) of the Act requiring all premises in all districts of New Zealand to be closed except those listed in the appendix to the Order and forbidding congregations of persons in outdoor places of amusement or recreation of any kind or description (whether public or private) in all districts of New Zealand until further notice.	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(m).	25 March 2020	25 March 2020 at 11.59 pm <i>[Revoked]</i>
Section 70(1)(f) Order by Medical Officer of Health (31 March 2020)	Renewal order of 16 March 2020 order. Requires all persons arriving in New Zealand (except air crew who have used PPE in accordance with guidelines) after 1.00 am on 16 March 2020 to quarantine themselves for 14 days in accordance with MOH guidelines. Continues to apply while epidemic notice is in force.	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(f).	31 March 2020	16 March 2020 (original order) 31 March 2020 (renewal)
Section 70(1)(f) Health Act Order by Director-General of Health (3 April 2020) [requiring all persons to remain at their residence except for permitted essential personal movement and to maintain physical distancing] <i>[Revoked]</i>	Requires all persons to remain at their place of residence except for permitted essential personal movement and to maintain physical distancing.	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(f).	3 April 2020	3 April 2020 at 6.00 pm Expires 22 April 2020 at 11.59 pm unless earlier revoked <i>[Revoked]</i>

<p>Section 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) Health Act Order (9 April 2020)</p>	<p>[Medical examinations and testing]: Requires all persons arriving by air other than excluded arrivals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report and submit themselves for medical examination and testing (only testing for temperatures, seeking information on symptoms, chest auscultation and mouth or nose swabs required to test for COVID-19) as soon as practicable after arrival; • be isolated or quarantined for 14 days or any such longer period as determined by a medical officer of health or health protection officer, and to maintain physical distancing except form fellow residents; and • be isolated or quarantined in accordance with general isolation and quarantine order in place of residence <p>[Permitted essential personal movement for arrivals]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for certain permitted essential movement. 	<p>Health Act 1956, s 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f).</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>	<p>9 April 2020 at 11.59 pm</p> <p><i>Expires:</i> 22 April 2020 at 11.59 pm</p> <p>[Extended by 21 April amendment order until 11 May 2020.]</p> <p>[Extended again to 22 June 2020]</p>
<p>Amendment to s 70(1)(m) Health Act 1956 order (21 April 2020)</p> <p><i>[Expired]</i></p>	<p>Amendment to 25 March 2020 order pursuant to s 70(1B) Health Act 1956. Exemption for necessary work in premises:</p> <p>3. The closures of premises in clause (1) [of the original order] does not prevent a person from accessing any premises to which this Order relates for the purposes of carrying out necessary work between 11.59pm on 20 April 2020 and 11.59pm on 27 April 2020. In this Order, "necessary work" includes work required to prepare the premises for opening (and meet public health guidance) from 11.59 pm on 27 April 2020 as well as minimum basic operations required to maintain the condition or value of, or clean, the premises, plant, equipment , or goods, care for animals , acquire additional stock and to enable workers to be able to continue to work remotely from their homes.</p>	<p>Health Act 1956, s 70(1B).</p>	<p>21 April 2020</p>	<p>21 April 2020 at 6.00 pm</p> <p>Expires 27 April 2020</p> <p><i>[Expired]</i></p>

<p>Amendment to and Extension of s 70(1)(f) Health Act 1956 order (21 April 2020)</p> <p>[Expired]</p>	<p>Two amendments to the 3 April 2020 order. The 3 April 2020 Order is amended by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> replacing "expires on 11.59pm on 22 April 2020" with "expires at 11.59pm on 27 April 2020". adding, after clause 2(d): "<i>Doing necessary work on closed premises</i>" > new para: (da) a person leaving their residence to undertake necessary work at any premises closed under section 70(1)(m) of the Health Act 1956 (for example, schools), or if necessary to assist a fellow resident to travel to or from those premises for that purpose." adding, at clause 3, necessary work includes work required to prepare the premises for opening (and meet public health guidance) from 11.59 pm on 27 April 2020 as well as minimum basic operations required to maintain the condition or value of, or clean, the premises, plant, equipment, or goods, care for animals, acquire additional stock and to enable workers to be able to continue to work remotely from their homes. 	<p>Health Act 1956, s 70(1)(f).</p>	<p>21 April 2020</p>	<p>21 April 2020 at 6.00 pm</p> <p>Expires 27 April 2020 at 11.59 pm</p> <p>[Expired]</p>
<p>Amendment to and Extension of s 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) Health Act 1956 orders (21 April 2020)</p> <p>[Revoked]</p>	<p>Two amendments to the 9 April 2020 order. The 9 April 2020 Order is amended by extending it and amending as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> replacing "expires on 11.59pm on 22 April 2020" with "expires on 11.59pm on 11 May 2020". adding, after clause 6: "excluded arrival means - a. aircraft pilots, flight crew members, maritime crew members (immediately transferring to a vessel), and medical attendants assisting with medical air transfers; and" 	<p>Health Act 1956, s 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f).</p>	<p>21 April 2020</p>	<p>21 April 2020 at 6.00 pm</p> <p>Expires 11 May 2020</p> <p>[Revoked]</p>
<p>Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020</p> <p>(See also Map of Regions for purposes of Order)</p> <p>[Revoked]</p>	<p>To prevent the outbreak or spread of COVID-19 by limiting the movement of people, and contact between people, in New Zealand, in aggregate, while—</p> <p>(a) ensuring the provision of services that are needed to respond to COVID-19, ensure the necessities of life for people in New Zealand, and maintain public health, safety, and security; and</p> <p>(b) enabling some movement and contact in particular—</p> <p>(i) for the purposes of education, work, accessing services, and limited recreation; and</p> <p>(ii) where public health measures such as good hygiene and cleaning measures, physical distancing, contact tracing, and minimising interactions in groups apply (whether under this order, other health and safety requirements, or guidance).</p>	<p>Health Act 1956, s 70(1)(f) and (m).</p>	<p>24 April 2020</p>	<p>27 April 2020 at 11.59 pm</p> <p>[Revoked]</p>

Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Amendment Order 2020 [Revoked] Note: this is also known as: “Section 70(1)(f) and (m) extension and amendment order 2020”.	Makes changes or clarifications to what is permitted as essential personal movement or recreation under the principal order. Changes are also made to the list of services in Schedule 2.	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(f) and (m).	29 April 2020	30 April 2020 [Revoked]
Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Amendment Order (No 2) 2020 [Revoked]	Amends the Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020. The list of category B businesses in Part 2 of sch 2 of that Order is amended by adding the following businesses: (1) licensing trusts, to permit them to have customers in their premises; and (2) hardware and DIY stores, to permit them to have customers in their premises (but only for the purpose of sale to trade customers).	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(f) and (m).	8 May 2020	10 May 2020 [Revoked]
Section 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) extension and amendment of notice to arrivals (8 May 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends 9 April 2020 Order to 22 June 2020. • Revokes 21 April 2020 Order. • Amends cl 6 of 9 April 2020 Order re essential personal movement re flights. 	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f).	8 May 2020 Avail. 12 May 2020	11 May 2020
Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Amendment Order (No 3) 2020 [Revoked]	Amends the principal order. Under the principal order, many restricted premises are required to be closed other than for work that is necessary to be undertaken for specified minimum basic operations. The majority of those premises will be able to reopen from 12.01 am on 14 May 2020. This amendment order enables necessary work to be undertaken in those premises from 1 pm on 12 May 2020 in order to prepare the premises for opening (and meet public health guidance).	Health Act 1956 , s 70(1)(m).	11 May 2020	12 May 2020 at 1.00 pm [Revoked]

<p>COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level 2) Order 2020</p> <p>[Link to Order as made]</p>	<p>The purpose of this order is to prevent, and limit the risk of, the outbreak or spread of COVID-19 by putting in place obligations in relation to businesses and services, and gatherings. Accordingly, this order sets out—requirements that businesses and services must comply with, and that apply to every person to the extent that they intermingle in the workplace of the business or service (clauses 10 to 13); and requirements that apply to gatherings that all people must comply with (subpart 3 of Part 2). In all other circumstances, people must comply with the requirements in this order that apply to gatherings (or avoid the need to do so by staying, to the greatest extent possible, 2 metres apart). This order requires a person to comply with reasonable measures that are put in place by a business or service or by the organiser of a gathering to meet the requirements of this order and that have been notified to, or brought to the attention of, the person. Failure to comply with those measures is an infringement offence.</p>	<p>COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020, ss 9 and 11.</p>	<p>13 May 2020</p>	<p>14 May 2020 at 12.01 am</p>
<p>COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level 2) Amendment Order 2020</p>	<p>Amends principal order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows certain businesses to have up to 100 clients • Allows social gatherings of up to 100 people provided contact tracing requirements are met and removes requirement for funerals to be authorised by D-G • Makes other technical amendments 	<p>COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020, ss 9 and 11.</p>	<p>27 May 2020</p>	<p>29 May 2020 at 11.59 pm</p>

Immediate modification orders

Order title	Description	Authority	Date issued	Commencement
Epidemic Preparedness (Social Security Act 2018—Temporary Additional Support) Immediate Modification Order 2020	<p>This order makes a modification to a requirement imposed by s 96(1)(c) of the Social Security Act 2018 (the Act) that otherwise may be impossible or impracticable to comply with during an epidemic. The Act requires a person to comply with the Social Security Regulations 2018. These require filling out a form for entitlement for temporary additional support. The order, among other things, treats some requirements as if they had been fulfilled and the applicant meets the criteria.</p>	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 15.	26 March 2020	30 March 2020
Epidemic Preparedness (Local Government Act 2002) Immediate Modification Order 2020	<p>Modifies requirements imposed by the Local Government Act 2002. Modifies clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the Act. That clause prohibits a person from acting as a member of a local authority until—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have made an oral declaration in the required form at a meeting of the local authority; and • a written version of the declaration has been attested in the required way (which involves the declaration being signed by the member and witnessed by the chairperson, mayor, or another member of the local authority or by the chief executive or another officer of the local authority). <p>Clause 4 of the Order modifies those requirements so that the person may act as a member of the local authority once they have made their oral declaration. The person must then sign a written version of the declaration and provide a copy to the chief executive of the local authority. The signing does not need to be witnessed.</p>	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 15.	9 April 2020	10 April 2020
Epidemic Preparedness (Employment Relations Act 2000—Collective Bargaining) Immediate Modification Order 2020	<p>Modifies restrictions and requirements imposed by the Employment Relations Act 2000 that may be impossible or impracticable to comply with during an epidemic. Specifically, it is impracticable to comply with some collective bargaining time frame and process obligations.</p>	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 15.	14 April 2020	16 April 2020

Epidemic Preparedness (Wills Act 2007—Signing and Witnessing of Wills) Immediate Modification Order 2020	<p>Modifies requirements imposed by section 11 of the Wills Act 2007. The modifications allow wills to be signed and witnessed using audiovisual links.</p>	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 15.	16 April 2020	17 April 2020
Epidemic Preparedness (Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012—Licence Application Inquiries) Immediate Modification Order 2020	<p>Section 103 of the SSA Act requires the Police, a Medical Officer of Health, and an inspector to inquire into new alcohol licence applications. The Police and the Medical Officer of Health must, if they have any matters in opposition to the application, file a report with the DLC within 15 working days. If no report is received, the DLC may assume that neither the Police nor the Medical Officer of Health oppose the application. These modified provisions will temporarily relieve the Police and Medical Officers of Health from those obligations while responding to the epidemic and its impact. The changes also ensure that licence applications and renewals are scrutinised by the Police and Medical Officers of Health but under a longer time frame than normal, to allow DLCs to make a decision based on all the available evidence.</p>	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 15.	16 April 2020	17 April 2020
Epidemic Preparedness (Oaths and Declarations Act 1957) Immediate Modification Order 2020	<p>The modifications expressly allow an oath, an affirmation, or a declaration to be administered or taken using an audiovisual or audio link instead of in the presence of the person swearing the oath or making the affirmation or declaration.</p> <p>The modifications also enable a declaration to be taken by any officer or employee of an entity who is authorised by the entity, but only if an enactment authorises or requires the declaration to be provided to the entity.</p>	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 15.	16 April 2020	17 April 2020

<p>Epidemic Preparedness (Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988—Enduring Powers of Attorney) Immediate Modification Order 2020</p>	<p>Modifies requirements imposed by the following enactments that may be impossible or impracticable to comply with during an epidemic: the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988; and the Protection of Personal and Property Rights (Enduring Powers of Attorney Forms and Prescribed Information) Regulations 2008.</p> <p>The modifications ensure that an enduring power of attorney (an EPA) can be created when the signatories (the donor, the attorney and witnesses) are in different places. In particular, the modifications—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allow the signatories to sign separate copies of the same document, rather than a single physical document; and • treat the full set of signed documents that are sent to a holder (which may include photographs or scans) as comprising the complete instrument creating the EPA; and • enable audiovisual links to be used instead of requiring a person signing at the direction of the donor, or a person witnessing a donor’s or an attorney’s signature, to do that in the presence of the relevant party (the donor or attorney). 	<p>Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006, s 15.</p>	<p>23 April 2020</p>	<p>24 April 2020</p>
<p>Epidemic Preparedness (Customs and Excise Act 2018—Appeals) Immediate Modification Order 2020</p>	<p>Modifies Customs and Excise Act 2018 so that a Customs Appeal Authority can accept late filing applications for appeals.</p>	<p>Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006, s 15.</p>	<p>4 May 2020</p>	<p>5 May 2020</p>

Other orders

Order title	Description	Authority	Date issued	Commencement
<p>Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order (No 2) 2020.</p> <p><i>(See also: Infectious and Notifiable Diseases Order 2020).</i></p>	<p>Amends the Health Act 1956 by (1) adding COVID-19 to the list of infectious diseases notifiable to a medical officer of health in Section B of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of that Act; and (2) adding both COVID-19 and novel coronavirus capable of causing severe respiratory illness to the list of quarantinable infectious diseases in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of that Act.</p>	<p>Health Act 1956, ss 2(3) and 3(a).</p>	<p>9 March 2020</p>	<p>11 March 2020</p>
<p>Goods and Services Tax (Grants and Subsidies) Amendment Order 2020.</p>	<p>Amends the Goods and Services Tax (Grants and Subsidies) Order 1992. The effect of this amendment is to declare the following payments made by the Ministry of Social Development on behalf of the Crown not to be taxable grants or subsidies for the purposes of section 5(6D) of the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985: (1) any payment in relation to wages or other income as a consequence of COVID-19; (2) any payment in relation to leave taken as a consequence of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Goods and Services Tax Act 1985, s 5(6E).</p>	<p>23 March 2020</p>	<p>24 March 2020</p>
<p>Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) (COVID-19 Recovery Package) Amendment Order 2020</p>	<p>Amends Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2020. It makes increases to rates of benefits as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary increases: income limits for youth payment and young parent payment • Discretionary increases: COVID-19 Recovery Package increases to social security benefits • Discretionary increases: COVID-19 Recovery Package increases to winter energy payment 	<p>Social Security Act 2018, ss 452 and 452A; and Interpretation Act 1999, s 13.</p>	<p>23 March 2020</p>	<p>27 March 2020</p>

Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Attack on Christchurch Mosques on 15 March 2019 Amendment Order 2020	<p>Extend Royal Commission reporting date: in the Schedule [to the original Order], at clause 11(1), replace “no later than 30 April 2020” with “on 31 July 2020, or such earlier or later date as is determined by the Minister of Internal Affairs, after consultation with the Attorney-General and the chairperson of the inquiry”.</p>	<p>Letters Patent of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second constituting the office of Governor-General of New Zealand, dated 28 October 1983; and Inquiries Act 2013, s 6; and <i>on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.</i></p>	23 April 2020	24 April 2020
New Zealand Business Number (Organisation Parts Data) Order 2020	<p>This order adds information concerning organisation parts to the lists of information in sch 4 of the New Zealand Business Number Act 2016. Thus, businesses in New Zealand that are organised into parts will be able to choose to have a unique identifying number assigned to a part (or parts) of the business, and for that information to be displayed on the Register. The ability to identify different parts of a business will also contribute to the proposal to develop contact tracing systems in response to the effects of COVID-19.</p>	<p>New Zealand Business Number Act 2016, s 22.</p>	11 May 2020	12 May 2020

Notices

Notice title/citation	Description	Authority	Gazetted/created	Commencement
Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020.	Notice activates dormant emergency powers in the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 and the Health Act 1956. Allows issuance of epidemic preparedness notice under s 8.	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 5.	24 March 2020	25 March 2020
Epidemic Preparedness (Epidemic Management—COVID-19) Notice 2020.	<p>The legislative provisions activated by this notice are as follows:</p> <p>The following sections of the Social Security Act 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 64, which allows the Ministry for Social Development to, with their Minister’s approval, grant emergency benefits to people who would not otherwise be entitled to them: • section 299, which allows the Ministry for Social Development to grant benefits even if the claims for them have not been inquired into: • section 443, which empowers the making of regulations that increase flexibility in relation to the payment, reinstatement, grant, increase, cancellation, suspension, or variation of benefits: <p>The following sections of the Immigration Act 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 78, which deems existing temporary entry class visas to be extended in certain circumstances: • section 337, which allows a District Court Judge to deal with matters on the basis of documents only, where that Act would normally require a certain person to be brought before the Judge: • section 338, which allows a District Court Judge to consider a particular question at intervals of not more than 28 days, where that Act would normally require a person to be brought before the Judge for the consideration of the question at intervals of not more than a stated duration: • section 339, which provides that existing warrants of commitment have effect for 28 days: • section 340, which allows an immigration officer and a released person to agree to vary a condition imposed under section 320 of that Act: • section 341, which modifies the calculation of the consecutive period for which a person has been detained under 1 or more warrants of commitment. 	Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006 , s 8.	24 March 2020	CI 5: 2 April 2020 Rest: 25 March 2020

<p>Notice Under the Social Security Act 2018 (giving notice of the creation of the Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Amendment 2020 pursuant to s 101 of the Social Security Act 2018).²</p>	<p>Notice required under the Act to bring in programme which extends the grant of temporary financial assistance to people who experience an overall reduction in assistance as a result of the increase to main benefits on 1 April 2020 made by the COVID-19 Recovery Package. The instrument also corrects minor technical and formatting errors in the principal programme.</p>	<p>Social Security Act 2018, s 101.</p>	<p>24 March 2020</p>	<p>24 March 2020</p>
<p>[Notice of] Extension of Reporting Time Limits Under the NAIT Act 2012 (27 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-gs1449.</p>	<p>Extends time limits for certain things prescribed under the National Animal Identification and Tracing (Obligations and Exemptions) Regulations 2012. Extends time limit for reg 10(1) and (3) relating to registration as PICA (person in charge of NAIT animal) and declaration on moving NAIT animals. Amends time limit in reg 10(4) concerning PICA making exit declarations. Amends reg 21(3)(c) relating to points of origin and destinations time limits for PICAs.</p>	<p>National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012, s 34(2).</p>	<p>Created on 26 March 2020 Entered into <i>Gazette</i> 27 March 2020</p>	<p>27 March 2020</p>
<p>[Notice of] Amendment of the NAIT Animal Identification Devices Standard (27 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-gs1451</p>	<p>Amends NAIT Animal Identification Devices Standard. Amends timeframe for requirement to contact PICA within 72 hours of being notified of a device retention issue and take all reasonable steps to resolve the issue; and timeframe for responding to data upload issues.</p>	<p>National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012, s 14.</p>	<p>Created on 26 March 2020 Entered into <i>Gazette</i> 27 March 2020</p>	<p>27 March 2020</p>
<p>Amendment of the NAIT Accreditation of Information Providers Standard and the NAIT Accreditation of Entities Dealing with NAIT Animals Standard (27 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-gs1450.</p>	<p>Amends the NAIT Accreditation of Information Providers Standard and the NAIT Accreditation of Entities Dealing with NAIT Animals Standard.</p>	<p>National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012, s 19.</p>	<p>26 March 2020</p>	<p>27 March 2020</p>
<p>Epidemic Preparedness (Epidemic Management—COVID-19—Parole Act 2002 and Sentencing Act 2002) Notice 2020 (30 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1474</p>	<p>Activates certain dormant provisions of the Parole Act 2002 and Sentencing Act 2002. In summary, as a result of the notice activating certain provisions of the Acts, under the Parole Act, it allows the Parole Board to conduct hearings on the papers and a probation officer to temporarily vary release conditions. Under the Sentencing Act, it allows a probation officer to temporarily vary conditions of certain sentences and gives the CE of Corrections a few additional powers.</p>	<p>Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006, s 8(1)(b).</p>	<p>30 March 2020 at 1.00 pm</p>	<p>30 March 2020 at 1.00 pm</p>

² See below under heading “Other instruments”, item 2.

<p>Notice of Exemption from the Maritime Rules (3 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1478.</p> <p>(See also: Maritime NZ info sheet).</p>	<p>Grants exemptions from the Maritime Rules dated 30 March 2020 in relation to Seafarers who hold a certificate of competency or endorsement issued under Part 32 of the Maritime Rules or a certificate of recognition issued under section 41 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994, whose certificates expire between 11 March 2020 and 30 June 2020.</p>	<p>Maritime Transport Act 1994, s 47(3).</p>	<p>3 April 2020</p>	<p>3 April 2020</p>
<p>Notice of Exemption from the Maritime Rules (8 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1477.</p>	<p>Granting of the following exemptions from the Maritime Rules dated 30 March 2020 in relation to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seafarers to whom Rule 34.20 applies whose medical certificates expire between 11 March 2020 and 30 June 2020; and - persons employing or engaging seafarers described above 	<p>Maritime Transport Act 1994, s 47(3).</p>	<p>8 April 2020</p>	<p>8 April 2020</p>
<p>Notice of Exemption from the Maritime Rules (8 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1519.</p>	<p>Granting of the following exemptions from the Maritime Rules dated 30 March 2020 in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seafarers who hold or applying for a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency or endorsement issued under Part 32 of the Maritime Rules or a certificate of recognition issued under section 41 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994, whose ancillary proficiencies expire between 11 March 2020 and 30 June 2020. 	<p>Maritime Transport Act 1994, s 47(3).</p>	<p>8 April 2020</p>	<p>8 April 2020</p>
<p>Takeovers Code (Facilitation of Capital Raising in Response to COVID-19) Exemption Notice 2020</p>	<p>The Takeovers Panel (the Panel) has granted in this notice exemptions for classes of persons, transactions, and offers from compliance with rule 6(1) of the Takeovers Code (the Code). The terms and conditions of the exemptions are designed to ensure that the underlying purpose and intent of the Code are fulfilled while also allowing code companies to access sufficient equity capital urgently should the need arise.</p>	<p>Takeovers Act 1993, s 45.</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>	<p>Applies from 10 April 2020</p>
<p>Notification of Ordinary Rule (9 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1595.</p>	<p>Gives notification of the making of Land Transport Rule: COVID-19 Response (No 1) 2020.</p> <p><i>(see below for this Rule under “Other instruments” section)</i></p>	<p>Land Transport Act 1988, s 161(3).</p>	<p>8 April 2020</p>	<p>9 April 2020 (entered into <i>Gazette</i>).</p>

<p>Notification of Commerce Commission’s Amendments to Determination of Default and Customised Price-Quality Regulation Applicable to Electricity Distribution Businesses (9 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1606.</p>	<p>Notice by Commerce Commission that it has amended under Part 4 of the Commerce Act 1986:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the default price-quality path (“DPP”) applicable to regulated suppliers of electricity distribution businesses (“EDBs”) for the regulatory period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020; the customised price-quality path (“CPP”) applicable to Wellington Electricity Lines Limited for the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021; and the CPP applicable to Powerco Limited for the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2023. 	<p>Commerce Act 1986, Part 4 (see ss 52P and 52Q).</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>
<p>Wine Notice: New Zealand Grape Wine Export Eligibility Requirements 2020</p>	<p>The purpose of the amendment to this Notice is to enable the continuation of export trade in New Zealand grape wine in the context of logistical challenges posed by Covid 19. This amendment adds clause 3.1A and makes amendments to clause 5.3. A full review of the previous 2006 notice has not been undertaken. The purpose of this Notice is to set export eligibility requirements for the export of New Zealand grape wine. The effect is that New Zealand grape wine can be exported from New Zealand subject to the requirements of a relevant notified overseas market access requirement.</p>	<p>Wine Act 2003, ss 38, 54H and 120(1)–(2).</p>	<p>25 March 2020</p>	<p>25 March 2020</p>
<p>Food Notice: Food for Export - Exemptions from Domestic Compositional Requirements No. 4 2020</p>	<p>The purpose of this Notice is to exempt food for export from certain requirements of the New Zealand standards where the importing country requirements differ. This includes, but is not limited to, exempting product from certain requirements of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.</p>	<p>Food Act 2014, s 405 (for the purposes of s 347(1)).</p>	<p>31 March 2020</p>	<p>31 March 2020</p>
<p>Animal Products Notice: Export Verification Requirements 2020</p>	<p>For the purposes of safeguarding assurances provided by New Zealand, this notice sets verification requirements and frequencies in relation to animal products for export. The amendments introduce temporary requirements added to manage verification during Covid19 restrictions. (See cls 2.2A and 2.2B)</p>	<p>Animal Products Act 1999, ss 60 and 167(1).</p>	<p>7 April 2020</p>	<p>7 April 2020</p>
<p>Notice of Exemption From the Maritime Rules (17 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1632.</p>	<p>Exemption from r 49.6(1) (which provides: Examination of ship's lifting appliances and loose cargo gear on the ship is thoroughly examined by a competent person at least once in every 12 months).</p>	<p>Maritime Transport Act 1994, s 47(3).</p>	<p>17 April 2020</p>	<p>17 April 2020</p>

Animal Products Notice: Specifications for National Microbiological Database Programme	<p>This notice sets specifications relating to the National Microbiological Database (NMD) Programme that are necessary to give effect to, and amplify, standards provided in regulation 15 of the Animal Products Regulations 2000. This amendment adds clause 2.1.4 (7) and (8) about annual sampler reviews and makes amendments to 2018 has not been undertaken.</p>	Animal Products Act 1999 , ss 45, 167(1)(h) and 167(1)(maa); and Animal Products Regulations 2000 .	20 April 2020	20 April 2020
Notice Under Section 37 of the Medicines Act 1981 (22 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1737.	<p>Prohibits the importation, manufacture, packing, sale, supply or use of any kits and/or other test materials intended for use as point of care testing for COVID-19 infection or for post-infection confirmation using an antigen or antibody detection system unless the particular test kit and/or test materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been approved by the Group Manager, Medsafe, Ministry of Health, and • the kits and/or test materials are imported, manufactured, packed, sold, supplied with the intention that they are only to be used for testing by a specified category of registered health care professional approved by the Group Manager, Medsafe, Ministry of Health. 	Medicines Act 1981 , s 37.	22 April 2020	22 April 2020
Notice of Exemption from the Maritime Rules (28 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1750.	<p>Exemptions from rr 49.5(2) and 49.11(5).</p>	Maritime Transport Act 1994 , s 47(3).	28 April 2020	28 April 2020
Financial Advisers (Custodian Assurance Engagement Relief—COVID-19) Exemption Notice 2020	<p>Exempts custodians from the duty under the Financial Advisers (Custodians of FMCA Financial Products) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations) to obtain an assurance engagement. The exemption applies to the extent that the duty requires compliance within 4 months after the custodian's relevant date. The exemption applies if the custodian believes, on reasonable grounds, that it is not reasonably practicable for it to comply within that time frame because of the outbreak of COVID-19. The exemption is subject to certain conditions. Also amends the Financial Advisers (Overseas Custodians—Assurance Engagement) Exemption Notice 2018 and the Financial Advisers (Non-NZX Brokers—Client Money) Exemption Notice 2017.</p>	Financial Advisers Act 2008 , ss 148 and 148A.	23 April 2020	29 April 2020

Financial Markets Conduct (Financial Reporting and Other Relief—COVID-19) Exemption Notice 2020	<p>Exempts certain financial market participants from compliance with certain obligations (for example, financial reporting duties) under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (the Act) and the Financial Markets Conduct Regulations 2014 (the Regulations). The exemptions only apply to the extent that the market participant is required to comply with the obligation within a time frame (for example, within 4 months after the market participant’s balance date). The exemptions apply if the market participant believes, on reasonable grounds, that it is not reasonably practicable for it to comply within that time frame because of the outbreak of COVID-19.</p>	Financial Market Conducts Act 2013 , ss 556 and 572.	23 April 2020	29 April 2020
<p>Notice of Appointments to the Contact Tracing Assurance Committee (11 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1943.</p>	<p>Appointments of persons to the Committee for the purpose of oversight of contact tracing in New Zealand.</p>	New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 , s 11.	<p>6 May 2020 (appointments)</p> <p>11 May 2020 (in Gazette)</p>	6 May 2020
<p>Revocation and Replacement Notice—Open Season for Game in Fish and Game Regions (13 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-gs1889.</p>	<p>Declares an open season for game in Fish and Game Regions with certain measures responding to COVID-19.</p>	Wildlife Act 1953 , ss 15 and 16.	13 May 2020	14 May 2020
<p>Notice of National Transition Period (14 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go2033.</p>	<p>Gives notice of a national transition period over the whole of New Zealand owing to the impacts of COVID-19. This transition period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comes into force at 12.21pm on Wednesday 13 May 2020, which is the time and date when the state of national emergency declared at 12.21pm on Wednesday 25 March 2020 (and subsequently extended for seven days on six occasions) for the whole of New Zealand owing to the impacts of COVID-19 expires; • is in force for 90 days; and • ends at 12.21pm on Monday 10 August 2020, unless extended or terminated earlier. 	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 94A.	13 May 2020	10 August 2020

<p>Notice of the Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendment (COVID-19 Deferred Payment of Distribution Charges) 2020 (19 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au2061.</p> <p>(No link to actual instrument so the Notice has been used instead).</p>	<p>Amends Part 12A of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 to provide for qualifying traders (which meet specified criteria, including in relation to facing liquidity problems as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic) to have an additional 60 days to pay amounts for the provision of distribution services under their agreements with distributors and to restrict the ability of all distributors to change the prudential security required from the qualifying traders during the period that the changes are in force.</p>	<p>Electricity Industry Act 2010, s 38(3)(b).</p>	<p>14 May 2020</p> <p>(Listed in <i>Gazette</i> on 19 May 2020)</p>	<p>20 May 2020</p>
<p>Notice of Exemptions From the Maritime Rules and the Marine Protection Rules (25 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au2125</p>	<p>Grants exemptions from a series of rules. See link for full description. Exemptions apply during the period 24 March 2020 to 14 May 2020 inclusive.</p>	<p>Maritime Transport Act 1994, ss 47(3) and 395(3).</p>	<p>25 May 2020 (in <i>Gazette</i>)</p>	<p>14 March 2020</p>

Rules³

Rule title	Description	Authority	Date made	Commencement
High Court (COVID-19 Preparedness) Amendment Rules 2020	<p>These rules have been prepared in circumstances of urgency to facilitate the continuation of civil proceedings in the High Court during the course of the outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>These rules amend the High Court Rules 2016 to— ensure hearings can proceed with remote participation: allow for the electronic filing of documents: provide for reliance on unsworn affidavits.</p>	Senior Courts Act 2016 , s 148.	9 April 2020	<p>9 April 2020</p> <p>(Commence immediately on notification in the <i>Gazette</i>, which has been done – see Notice Under Legislation Act 2012 (9 April 2020) New Zealand Gazette No 2020-d11589.)</p>
Land Transport Rule COVID-19 Response (No 1) 2020	The objective of this Rule is to allow for vehicles to continue to be operated lawfully, and for drivers to continue to be licensed and to use endorsements and identification cards, when restrictions imposed in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 make it impractical or unreasonable for persons to do tasks ordinarily required to enable vehicles to undergo periodic in- service inspection and certification, or to enable driver licences, endorsements and driver identification cards to be renewed.	Land Transport Act 1988 , ss 152, 152A, 154, and 158.	7 April 2020	10 April 2020
Auckland Transport Emergency Speed Limit	Sets out emergency speed limits for specified roads in the area due to the physical distancing requirements required by COVID-19 to limit danger to vulnerable road users.	Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017	Various; entered into <i>Gazette</i> : 8 May 2020.	Various; entered into <i>Gazette</i> : 8 May 2020.
Nelson City Council City Centre Emergency Speed Limit	Sets out emergency speed limits for specified roads in the area due to the physical distancing requirements required by COVID-19 to limit danger to vulnerable road users.	Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017	8 May 2020	9 May 2020
Wellington City Council—South Coast Roads Emergency Speed Limit	Sets out emergency speed limits for specified roads in the area due to the physical distancing requirements required by COVID-19 to limit danger to vulnerable road users.	Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017	Entered into <i>Gazette</i> : 8 May 2020.	4 May 2020.
Wellington City Council—Miramar Peninsula Emergency Speed Limit	Sets out emergency speed limits for specified roads in the area due to the physical distancing requirements required by COVID-19 to limit danger to vulnerable road users.	Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017	<p>14 May 2020</p> <p>Entered into <i>Gazette</i> 21 May 2020</p>	13 May 2021
Dunedin City Council Emergency Speed Limits	Sets out emergency speed limits for specified roads in the area due to the physical distancing requirements required by COVID-19 to limit danger to vulnerable road users.	Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017	22 May 2020 (in <i>Gazette</i>)	15 May 2020

³ This section does not include “Notices of Exemption” from certain rules (eg the Maritime Rules). These are listed above in the “Notices” section.

Auckland Transport Emergency Speed Limit	<p>Variation of original speed limit set on Oteha Valley Road in the above Speed Limit entry. Sets out emergency speed limits for specified roads in the area due to the physical distancing requirements required by COVID-19 to limit danger to vulnerable road users.</p>	Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017	<p>26 May 2020 (in <i>Gazette</i>)</p>	<p>19 May 2020</p>
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Other instruments

Instrument title/citation	Description	Authority	Date issued	Commencement
Government Policy Statement on Essential Goods and Services Such as Grocery Products in Response to COVID-19.	Economic policy of the Government in relation to maintaining confidence in the market for essential goods and services such as grocery products during the period that COVID-19 is affecting the New Zealand economy.	Commerce Act 1986 , s 26.	22 March 2020 (issued) 24 March 2020 (in <i>Gazette</i>)	22 March 2020
Income Support Package (Transitional Assistance) Amendment 2020 (brought into effect by Notice Under the Social Security Act 2018).	The programme extends the grant of temporary financial assistance to people who experience an overall reduction in assistance as a result of the increase to main benefits on 1 April 2020 made by the COVID-19 Recovery Package. The instrument also corrects minor technical and formatting errors in the principal programme.	Social Security Act 2018 , s 101.	23 March 2020	24 March 2020
Special Purpose Scope of Practice Response to COVID-19 (27 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-gs1431 [See also Corrigendum]	Occupational Therapy Board has developed a mechanism for the registration and issuing of a practising certificate. The name of the scope of practice is Response to COVID-19 . Instrument creates a scope of practice.	Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 , Part 2.	27 March 2020	27 March 2020
Emergency Directive: Expiration of Medical Certificates (30 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1480.	Emergency Directive provides relief from certain requirements of Civil Aviation Rule Parts 61.35, 63.23 and 65.25, without compromising civil aviation safety. Medical certificates with expiry dates between 26 March 2020 and 23 June 2020 remain in force until 24 June 2020. Holders of these medical certificates may continue to exercise the privileges of their aviation licences until 24 June 2020 subject to the Government travel restrictions. The applicable aviation licences are: Private pilot licence, Commercial pilot licence, Airline transport pilot licence, Recreational pilot licence, Air traffic trainee licence, Air traffic controller licence, Cadet flight engineer licence, Flight engineer licence.	Civil Aviation Act 1990 , s 27G(4).	26 March 2020 Entered into <i>Gazette</i> on 30 March 2020	26 March 2020

Direction of the Director and National Controller Civil Defence Emergency Management – Direction to CDEM Groups and Group Controllers for the duration of the COVID-19 response and recovery (29 March 2020)	<p>Activation of CDEM arrangements under ss 9 and 85(2) of the Act: direction to CDEM groups to activate CDEM arrangements and Group Controllers to support DHBs and PHUs; direction to CDEM goods to support persons affected.</p>	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 9 and Part 5; and National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order 2015 .	29 March 2020	29 March 2020
National Crisis Management Centre (NCCM) National Action Plan 2.0 (1 April 2020)	<p>The purpose of this Action Plan is to direct the national response during the current COVID-19 Alert Level 4 - Eliminate period and to ensure operational alignment with the strategic intent.</p>	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , Part 3; and National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order 2015 .	1 April 2020 at 8.30 am	25 March 2020 at 12.21 pm – 22 April 2020 at 12.21 pm (operational period)
Instruction to District Health Boards Pursuant to Regulation 110 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 (2 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1510	<p>The purpose of this instruction is to protect persons from possible injury from electricity through New Zealand District Health Boards' (DHBs) use of certain residual current devices in medical installations, required by DHBs in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applies to DHBs.</p>	Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 , reg 110.	2 April 2020	2 April 2020
Instruction to Electrical Inspectors Pursuant to Regulation 110 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 (2 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-au1524	<p>The purpose of this instruction is to protect persons from possible injury from electricity through New Zealand District Health Boards' (DHBs) use of certain residual current devices in medical installations, required by DHBs in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applies to electrical inspectors.</p>	Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 , reg 110.	2 April 2020	2 April 2020
Operational Policing Guidelines - Alert Level 4 (3 April 2020)	<p>Guidelines issued by New Zealand Police to constables and other officers providing guidance on duties during Alert Level 4 and guidelines on enforcement of lockdown requirements.</p>	(Likely) Policing Act 2008 , s 28.	3 April 2020 (date made available)	Unspecified, likely immediate

<p><u>Direction of the Director and National Controller Civil Defence Emergency Management to CDEM Groups in relation to Tsunami alert testing</u> (4 April 2020)</p>	<p>Directs all CDEM Groups to stop any and all plans to test tsunami warning systems during the state of national emergency declared in relation to COVID-19. CDEM Groups must not test their tsunami warning systems while the state of national emergency remains in force. This is because testing a tsunami warning system may substantially contribute to the COVID-19 emergency by confusing the Government's Alert Level 4 instructions, causing people to move beyond their self-isolation 'bubbles', and potentially causing people to congregate in open places e.g. on evacuation routes.</p>	<p><u>Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002</u>, ss 9(2)(b) and 91(1)(a).</p>	<p>4 April 2020</p>	<p>4 April 2020 at 2.00 pm</p>
<p><u>Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Compliance Statement Due Date and Auditor's Report) Amendments Determination 2020</u> [2020] NZCC 7.</p>	<p>Mindful of the priority of Part 4 regulated industries to focus on providing essential goods and services to New Zealanders during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has published this non-material amendments determination to give non-exempt electricity distribution businesses more time to provide the Commission with their annual compliance statements for the default price-quality path assessment period ending 31 March 2020. This amendments determination extends the due date for providing to the Commission the Annual Compliance Statement (for the period ending 31 March 2020) to 17 August 2020.</p>	<p><u>Commerce Act 1986</u>, ss 52P and 52Q.</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>
<p><u>Powerco Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path (Compliance Statement Due Date and Auditor's Report) Amendments Determination 2020</u> [2020] NZCC 8.</p>	<p>Provides for changes in final due dates of annual compliance statements.</p>	<p><u>Commerce Act 1986</u>, ss 52P and 52Q.</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>
<p><u>Wellington Electricity Lines Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path (Compliance Statement Due Date and Auditor's Report) Amendments Determination 2020</u> [2020] NZCC 9.</p>	<p>Provides for changes in final due dates of annual compliance statements.</p>	<p><u>Commerce Act 1986</u>, ss 52P and 52Q.</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>	<p>9 April 2020</p>

<p>Ministerial Direction – Disability Allowance Amendment 2020.</p> <p>(Link updated)</p>	<p>Amends the Ministerial Direction – Disability Allowance by replacing cls 2 and 3 to provide that when granting or reviewing a person’s entitlement to any disability allowance, verification of any particular expense is not required if a state of local emergency or state of national emergency is in force, an epidemic notice has been given, and is in force or an event has occurred where it is reasonable to expect that either a state of emergency or epidemic notice may be imminent.</p>	<p>Social Security Act 2018, s 7.</p>	<p>17 April 2020</p>	<p>20 April 2020</p>
<p>COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Programme</p>	<p>The purpose of this programme is to provide special financial support to New Zealand beneficiaries and superannuants who are stranded overseas because of the effects of COVID-19, until it can be reasonably expected that they can return to New Zealand.</p>	<p>Social Security Act 2018, s 101.</p>	<p>17 April 2020</p>	<p>20 April 2020</p>
<p>National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC) National Action Plan 3.0 (22 April 2020)</p>	<p>This is the third National Action Plan and contains updates and additions to previous plans. This plan should be read in conjunction with the previous National Action Plan for further background and context. The purpose of this plan is to direct the All of Government (AoG) and nationwide effort during the next phase of the response to ensure operational alignment with the strategic intent. The plan is also a single reference for the National Crisis Management Centre (NCMC) objectives and high-level actions during the transition to a revised AoG response model.</p>	<p>Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, Part 3; and National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order 2015.</p>	<p>22 April 2020 at 6.00 pm</p>	<p>Alert Level 4 from 23 April to 27 April 2020</p> <p>and Alert Level 3 from 28 April to 11 May 2020</p>
<p>COVID-19 New Zealanders Stranded Overseas Support Amendment 2020</p>	<p>The instrument corrects several technical errors in the principal programme (see above). The first correction is to the definition of domestic rate in relation to Veterans’ Pension, as the relevant rates are found in Regulation 42 of the Veterans’ Support Regulations 2014 (not the Veterans’ Support Act 2014). The second correction updates the definition of supplementary assistance for accuracy and the final correction amends the heading and an error contained within clause 15 as a person applies under clause 6 of the programme (not clause 7).</p>	<p>Social Security Act 2018, s 101.</p>	<p>7 May 2020 <i>Entered into Gazette</i></p>	<p>28 April 2020</p>
<p>Appointment of Minister (11 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-vr1973.</p>	<p>Andrew Little appointed as Acting Attorney-General for the sole purpose of exercising the Attorney-General’s functions under section 7 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, where a Bill relates to the COVID-19 Public Health Response.</p>	<p>By Her Excellency’s Command under the Royal Prerogative</p>	<p>10 May 2020 (11 May 2020: <i>Entered into Gazette</i>)</p>	<p>10 May 2020</p>

Requirements of the Director Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) and National Recovery Manager for CDEM Groups, Group Controllers and Group Recovery Managers for the duration of the COVID-19 national transition period	<p>Requires all CDEM Groups to continue to deliver necessary CDEM functions in support of the response to COVID-19 and the transition to recovery. Particularises how this is to be done.</p>	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , ss 9(2)(ba) and 94N; and National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order 2015 .	<p>13 May 2020</p>	<p>13 May 2020 Expires on expiry of the National Transition Period</p>
Direction to WorkSafe New Zealand	<p>WorkSafe New Zealand has the following additional function: to monitor and enforce compliance with the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 in respect of work and workplaces for which WorkSafe New Zealand is the regulator under section 189 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.</p>	Crown Entities Act 2004 , s 112; and Worksafe New Zealand Act 2013 , s 10(m).	<p>26 May 2020 28 May 2020 Entered into <i>Gazette</i></p>	<p>26 May 2020</p>

Declarations of States of Emergency

Declaration title	Description	Authority	Date issued	Commencement	Expiry
Declaration of State of National Emergency by Minister of Civil Defence (25 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1435.	Declaration that a state of national emergency exists over the whole of New Zealand, owing to the impact of COVID-19.	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 66.	25 March 2020 (at 12.21 pm) Entered into <i>Gazette</i> on 26 March 2020	25 March 2020 at 12.21 pm	1 April 2020 at 12.21 pm
Declaration by Minister Extending State of National Emergency (31 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1506.	Extends the state of national emergency declared at 12.21pm, on Wednesday 25 March 2020, over the whole of New Zealand owing to the impact of COVID-19 to 12.21pm on Wednesday, 8 April 2020.	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 71.	31 March 2020 at 9.27 am.	1 April 2020 at 12.21 pm	8 April 2020 at 12.21 pm
Declaration by Minister Extending State of National Emergency (7 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1587.	Further extends the state of national emergency declared at 12.21 pm on Wednesday 25 March 2020 (first extended at 9.27 am on Tuesday 31 March 2020) over the whole of New Zealand owing to the impact of COVID-19. Extension to 12.21 pm on 15 April 2020.	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 71.	7 April 2020 at 9.25 am	8 April 2020 at 12.21 pm	15 April 2020 at 12.21 pm
Declaration by Minister Extending State of National Emergency (15 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1659.	Extension of state of national emergency to 22 April 2020 at 12.21 pm.	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 71.	14 April 2020	15 April 2020 at 12.21 pm.	22 April 2020 at 12.21 pm

Declaration by Minister Extending State of National Emergency (22 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1742.	Extension of state of national emergency to Wednesday 29 April 2020 at 12.21pm.	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 71.	21 April 2020	22 April 2020 at 12.21 pm.	29 April 2020 at 12.21 pm
Declaration by Minister Extending State of National Emergency (29 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1801.	Extension of state of national emergency to Wednesday 6 May 2020 at 12.21pm.	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 71.	28 April 2020	29 April 2020 at 12.21 pm.	6 May 2020 at 12.21pm.
Declaration by Minister Extending State of National Emergency (6 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1919.	Extension of state of national emergency to Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 12.21pm.	Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 , s 71.	5 May 2020	6 May 2020 at 12.21 pm.	13 May 2020 at 12.21 pm.

Immigration instructions

Instruction title	Description	Authority	Date issued	Commencement
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No 2020/01	Implementing the New Zealand Government response to the novel coronavirus outbreak 2019-nCoV. Entry permission must be denied to people who have been in, or transited through, mainland China from 11:59 pm on 2 February 2020 to 11:59 pm on 16 February 2020 (with some stated exceptions).	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	3 February 2020	2 February 2020
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020/03 <i>[Expired]</i>	Implementing the New Zealand Government response to the novel coronavirus outbreak 2019-nCoV. Entry permission must be denied to people who have been in, or transited through, mainland China within 14 days prior to boarding a commercial craft to New Zealand or upon arrival in New Zealand if travelling other than by commercial craft.	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	15 February 2020	16 February 2020 at 11.59 pm (effective until 24 February 2020) <i>[Expired]</i>
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020/05 <i>[Expired]</i>	Implementing the New Zealand Government response to the novel coronavirus outbreak COVID-19. The following changes have been made to immigration instructions contained in Appendix 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expand the scope of the temporary border measures to refuse entry permission to any person who attempts to travel to New Zealand within 14 days of disembarking the Diamond Princess cruise ship (IMO: 9228198, flagged to the United Kingdom), operated by Princess Cruises; and • extend the temporary border measures (including the addition of the Diamond Princess cruise ship) for a further 8 days until 11:59 pm 3 March 2020, unless amended or revoked earlier. 	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	24 February 2020	24 February 2020 at 11.59 pm (effective until 3 March 2020 at 11.59 pm) <i>[Expired]</i>

Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-06 <i>[Expired]</i>	Implementing the New Zealand Government response to the novel coronavirus outbreak COVID-19. Expands the scope of the temporary border measures to refuse entry permission to any person who has been present in or transited through Iran within the previous 14 days.	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	28 February 2020	28 February 2020 at 6.00 pm (effective until 3 March 2020 at 11.59 pm) <i>[Expired]</i>
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-07 <i>[Expired]</i>	Extensions to certain changes made to immigration instructions to extend the temporary border measures for a further 7 days until 11:59 pm 10 March 2020. (Re incoming persons from China, Iran, disembarking Diamond Princess, etc)	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	3 March 2020	3 March 2020 at 11.59 pm (effective until 10 March 2020 at 11.59 pm) <i>[Expired]</i>
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-08 <i>[Expired]</i>	Extension of above existing measures for 7 days.	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	9 March 2020	10 March 2020 at 11.59 pm (effective until 17 March 2020 at 11.59 pm) <i>[Expired]</i>
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-09	(1) Extend the temporary border measures for a further 14 days until 11:59 pm 31 March 2020; Diamond Princess removed from restrictions. (2) Requires all temporary entry class visa holders to comply with instructions from a Medical Officer of Health which relate to a notifiable or quarantinable disease. This includes any requirement to self-isolate or any directions from a Medical Officer of Health.	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	17 March 2020	(1) 17 March 2020 at 11.59 pm and (2) 18 March 2020

<p>Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-10</p> <p><i>[Expired]</i></p>	<p>Expands the temporary border measures to refuse entry permission to any person coming to New Zealand, unless excluded as stated. Entry permission must be refused to residence class visa holders where the visa was granted offshore and the person is arriving in New Zealand for the first time, all temporary entry class visa holders and visa-waiver travellers. Diplomats accredited to New Zealand and who are currently resident in New Zealand are now also excluded from the temporary border measures. An exception to the travel restrictions can be requested on a case-by-case basis for: Humanitarian reasons; Essential health workers, as confirmed by the Ministry of Health; Other essential workers, as defined by the New Zealand Government; Citizens of Samoa and Tonga, for essential travel to New Zealand; Partners and dependants of temporary work or student visa holders who normally live in New Zealand where the temporary work or student visa holder is currently in New Zealand.</p>	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 22.</p>	<p>19 March 2020</p>	<p>19 March 2020 at 11.59 pm</p> <p>(effective until 31 March 2020 at 11.59 pm)</p> <p><i>[Expired]</i></p>
<p>Immigration New Zealand: Amendment Circular No. 2020-11</p>	<p>Record of powers and functions delegated by the Deputy Chief Executive – Immigration New Zealand</p>	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 22.</p>	<p>30 March 2020</p>	<p>25 March 2020</p>
<p>Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-12</p>	<p>Changes have been made to immigration instructions to relax visa restrictions for two groups of current supermarket employees for a period of 30 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work visa holders to allow them to work in roles other than specified on their visa; - student visa holders to allow them to work more than 20 hours per week 	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 22.</p>	<p>30 March 2020</p>	<p>25 March 2020</p>

Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-13	<p>Restricted Temporary Entry instructions have been introduced, to provide an enhanced approach to: allowing people who are not included under the current travel ban to be granted a visa or a variation of conditions to travel to New Zealand; and considering people seeking an exception to the current travel ban to be granted a visa or a variation of conditions to travel to New Zealand. This will provide more certainty for travellers, as they will know if they are eligible to travel to New Zealand before making travel plans and attempting to check in for a flight.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	31 March 2020	30 March 2020
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-14	<p>This circular contains immigration instructions which form part of Immigration New Zealand's response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The changes to immigration instructions are to retain the temporary border measures and remove the current end date of 31 March 2020. The review of the temporary border measures will now take place when Ministers reassess New Zealand's COVID-19 alert level.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	31 March 2020	31 March 2020 at 11.59 pm
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-15	<p>Changes have include relaxing restrictions on students already employed in essential health care roles (including aged care), as well as a minor change relating to supermarket employees. Tasks undertaken by student visa holders employed in essential health care roles (as defined under instructions H5.25.1) are now excluded from the definition of work under W2.2. This change also includes interim visa holders who held a student visa immediately prior to the interim visa. A minor change has also been made for those employed in supermarkets, to reflect that tasks excluded from the definition of work under W2.2.1.a.vii also apply to interim visa holders who held a work or student visa immediately prior to their interim visa.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	7 April 2020	3 April 2020
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-16.	<p>Changes have been made to immigration instructions effective on and after 16 April 2020, to support employers to deliver essential goods and services as part of New Zealand's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes introduce a process whereby employers in essential businesses can contact Immigration New Zealand to request a variation of visa conditions for their staff. These immigration instructions provide employers greater flexibility to deploy existing staff on temporary visas linked to their employment or who are student visa holders.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	16 April 2020	16 April 2020

Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-17	<p>The Deputy Chief Executive – Immigration has made new general instructions to immigration officers on the order of visa processing. These instructions are in response to restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 response and the limited capacity of Immigration New Zealand to assess visa applications under current circumstances.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	<p>17 April 2020 (Published 20 April 2020)</p>	<p>16 April 2020</p>
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-18	<p>As a result of relaxed restrictions under COVID-19 Alert Level 2 and improvements in processing capacity across INZ, the Deputy Chief Executive – Immigration has issued new general instructions to immigration officers setting out the order and manner of visa processing.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	<p>13 May 2020 (Published 14 May 2020)</p>	<p>13 May 2020</p>
Immigration New Zealand Operational Manual: Amendment Circular No. 2020-19	<p>Potential residence applicants who wish to apply under the Skilled Migrant or Investor 2 Categories are provided four months to do so after being invited to apply. Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, potential applicants are facing challenges in meeting the normal four-month deadline. Changes have therefore been made to immigration instructions to provide for a six-month extension to the normal deadline, for a limited cohort of potential applicants.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 22.	<p>21 May 2020</p>	<p>18 May 2020</p>

Special Directions under the Immigration Act

Instrument title/citation	Description	Authority	Date issued	Commencement
Special Direction—Suspend the Waiver of the Requirement to Hold Transit Visa for Travel to New Zealand (24 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1359	<p>Suspends the waiver of the requirement to hold a transit visa before travelling to and being in New Zealand as a transit passenger for citizens of Australia.</p>	Immigration Act 2009 , s 86(4)(b).	<p>19 March 2020 24 March 2020 (in <i>Gazette</i>)</p>	<p>19 March 2020 at 11.59 pm</p>
Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Visa or an Electronic Travel Authority Permitting Transit of New Zealand (24 March 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1370. [Expired]	<p>Classifies the following persons to whom a transit visa waiver applies: Any person who is to travel to and be in New Zealand as a transit passenger only, and who is approved to travel by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is arriving in New Zealand as a transit passenger before 3.00pm (New Zealand time) on Tuesday 24 March 2020 and whose immediate or ultimate destination is Australia; or • Is arriving in New Zealand as a transit passenger before 11.59pm, Sunday 29 March 2020 and whose immediate or ultimate destination is not Australia. 	Immigration Act 2009 , s 86(4)(a).	<p>22 March 2020 24 March 2020 (in <i>Gazette</i>)</p>	<p>22 March 2020 <i>Note: expires on 30 March 2020.</i> [Expired]</p>

<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger (16 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1669.</p>	<p>The following persons are classified as persons to whom a transit visa waiver applies. Any person who is to travel to and be in New Zealand as a transit passenger only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who is a citizen of, or a foreign national ordinarily resident in, one of the countries listed in the attached Schedule – Class 1; and • whose immediate or ultimate destination after transiting through New Zealand is the country of which they are a citizen of or ordinarily resident in; and • who is the immediate family (partners, spouses, dependent children under the age of 24 and legal guardians) travelling with a person to whom clause 1 and 2 applies; and • for whom there is a Government to Government arrangement to support their repatriation into the country of which they are a citizen of, or foreign national ordinarily resident in, where the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 they remain airside (do not enter New Zealand) and do not exceed 10 hours in transit; and 4.2 health requirements have been met; and 4.3 it is formally documented in a Government to Government arrangement that their Government undertakes that they will be accepted into the country of which they are a citizen or ordinarily resident in. 	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>10 April 2020 (Gazetted 16 April 2020)</p>	<p>10 April 2020 Expires 19 June 2020</p>
<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger (16 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1672.</p> <p>[Expired]</p>	<p>The following persons are classified as persons to whom a transit visa waiver applies. Any person who is to travel to and be in New Zealand as a transit passenger only, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a citizen of, or a foreign national ordinarily resident in, a country which is not New Zealand; and • is travelling to Auckland, New Zealand from Rarotonga, Cook Islands on Air New Zealand flight NZ945 on 11 April 2020; and • whose immediate destination after transiting through New Zealand is Doha, Qatar travelling on Qatar Airways flight QR923 on 11 April 2020. 	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>10 April 2020 (Gazetted 16 April 2020)</p>	<p>10 April 2020 Expires 12 April 2020 [Expired]</p>

<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger (16 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1671.</p>	<p>The following persons are classified as persons to whom a transit visa waiver applies. Any person who is to travel to and be in New Zealand as a transit passenger only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who is a citizen of, or a foreign national ordinarily resident in, one of the countries listed in the attached Schedule – Class 2; and • whose immediate destination after transiting through New Zealand is a third party country of which they are not a citizen or ordinarily resident in; and • who is the immediate family (partners, spouses, dependent children under the age of 24 and legal guardians) travelling with the person to whom clause 1 and 2 applies; and • for whom there is a Government to Government arrangement with any third party countries in which they are transiting after New Zealand, to support their repatriation into the country of which they are a citizen of, or foreign national ordinarily resident in, where the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 they remain airside (do not enter New Zealand) and do not exceed 10 hours in transit; and 4.2 health requirements have been met; and 4.3 it is formally documented in a Government to Government arrangement that their Government undertakes that they will be accepted into the country of which they are a citizen or ordinarily resident in. 	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>10 April 2020 (Gazetted 16 April 2020)</p>	<p>10 April 2020 Expires 19 June 2020</p>
<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger (16 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1673.</p>	<p>The following persons are classified as persons to whom a transit visa waiver applies. Any person who is to travel to and be in New Zealand as a transit passenger only, and who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a citizen of, or a foreign national ordinarily resident in, Chile; and • their immediate family (partners, spouses, dependent children under the age of 24 and legal guardians), travelling with the citizen of, or foreign national ordinarily resident in, Chile, and • whose immediate or ultimate destination after transiting through New Zealand is Chile. 	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>11 April 2020 (Gazetted 16 April 2020)</p>	<p>11 April 2020 Expires 19 June 2020</p>

<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger (29 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1748 [Expired]</p>	<p>The following persons are classified as persons to whom a transit visa waiver applies. Any person who is to travel to and be in New Zealand as a transit passenger only, and: (1) is a citizen of, or a foreign national ordinarily resident in, a country which is not New Zealand; and (2) is travelling to Auckland, New Zealand, on and after 17 April 2020; and (3) whose immediate destination after transiting through New Zealand is Doha, Qatar.</p>	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>16 April 2020 Entered into <i>Gazette</i> on 29 April 2020</p>	<p>Immediate Expires 20 April 2020 [Expired]</p>
<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger (29 April 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go1813.</p>	<p>Waiver of transit visa requirements – see link for extended description.</p>	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>21 April 2020 Entered into <i>Gazette</i> on 29 April 2020</p>	<p>Immediate Expires 19 June 2020</p>
<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger During COVID-19 Travel Restrictions (20 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go2080.</p>	<p>This special direction will allow the transit through New Zealand of citizens and residents of the Czech Republic and Singapore to support the repatriation of stranded people to their home countries due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>8 May 2020</p>	<p>19 June 2020</p>
<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger During COVID-19 Travel Restrictions [Philippines] (26 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-2161</p>	<p>This special direction will allow the transit through New Zealand of citizens and residents of the Philippines to support the repatriation of stranded people to their home countries due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>17 May 2020</p>	<p>26 May 2020</p>

<p>Special Direction—Waiver of the Requirement for a Transit Visa to Travel to and be in New Zealand as a Transit Passenger During COVID-19 Travel Restrictions [South Africa] (26 May 2020) <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> No 2020-go2162</p>	<p>This special direction will allow the transit through New Zealand of citizens and permanent residents of South Africa to support the repatriation of stranded people to their home countries due to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p>	<p>Immigration Act 2009, s 86(4)(a).</p>	<p>17 May 2020</p>	<p>26 May 2020</p>
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Appendix A: Key legislative reforms

This Appendix contains a list of those instruments referred to above that are considered key legislative reforms.

Acts

- [COVID-19 Response \(Urgent Management Measures\) Legislation Act 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Response \(Taxation and Social Assistance Urgent Measures\) Act 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Response \(Taxation and Other Regulatory Urgent Measures\) Act 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Response \(Further Management Measures\) Legislation Act 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Response \(Requirements For Entities—Modifications and Exemptions\) Act 2020](#)
- [Immigration \(COVID-19 Response\) Amendment Act 2020](#)

Regulations

- [Immigration \(Carriers' Information Obligations\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#)
- [Social Security \(Exemption from Stand Down—Coronavirus COVID-19\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#)
- [Immigration \(Carriers' Information Obligations\) Amendment Regulations \(No 2\) 2020](#)
- [Immigration \(Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#)
- [Social Security \(COVID-19—Temporary Additional Support and Expiry and Regrant of Benefits\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#)
- [Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance \(Exemptions for COVID-19\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#)
- [Land Transport \(Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing\) \(COVID-19—Extension of Duration of Motor Vehicle Licences\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#)
- [Education \(Early Childhood Services\) Amendment Regulations 2020](#)
- [Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance \(Exemptions for COVID-19\) Amendment Regulations \(No 2\) 2020](#)

Immediate Modification Orders

- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Social Security Act 2018—Temporary Additional Support\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)
- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Local Government Act 2002\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)
- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Employment Relations Act 2000—Collective Bargaining\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)
- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Wills Act 2007—Signing and Witnessing of Wills\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)
- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012—Licence Application Inquiries\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)
- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Oaths and Declarations Act 1957\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)
- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988—Enduring Powers of Attorney\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)
- [Epidemic Preparedness \(Customs and Excise Act 2018—Appeals\) Immediate Modification Order 2020](#)

Amendments to Rules

- [High Court \(COVID-19 Preparedness\) Amendment Rules 2020](#)
- [Land Transport Rule COVID-19 Response \(No 1\) 2020](#)

Appendix B: Instruments affecting operation of courts and profession

This Appendix contains a list of those instruments referred to above that affect the operation of the courts and/or legal profession.

Instrument	Provision	Summary
Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006	Section 24	Section 24 allows judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court, Employment Court and Maori Land Court to modify rules of court necessary to take account of the effects of COVID-19.
COVID-19 Response (Further Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020	Schedule 4 Schedule 6 Schedule 8 Schedule 11 Schedule 14	Schedule 4 sets out amendments to the Companies Act 1993 Schedule 6 sets out amendments to legislation in the “Courts” portfolio Schedule 8 sets out amendments to legislation in the “Environment” portfolio Schedule 11 sets out amendments to legislation in the “Health” portfolio Schedule 14 sets out amendments to legislation in the “Justice” portfolio
COVID-19 Response (Requirements For Entities—Modifications and Exemptions) Act 2020	Section 30	Section 30 grants the Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court certain powers to grant relief from compliance with certain requirements for any person in relation to Maori land trusts, Maori incorporations, and Maori reservations.
Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020 <i>[Revoked]</i>	Clause 7(l) Clause 7(o) Clause 9	Clauses 7(l) and (o) permit as types of “permitted essential personal movement” persons to: (l) leave their home or place of residence to attend a court, tribunal, New Zealand Parole Board hearing, or other judicial institution; ... or (o) leave or change their home or place of residence as required by a court order or any other power under any enactment to order a person to be detained, to change their place of detention, or otherwise determine their place of residence (for example, a direction of the New

		<p>Zealand Parole Board or a probation officer), or to return to a home or place of residence after that detention or determination ceases.</p> <p>Clause 9 closes premises without infection control measures in place but exempts courts.</p>
Section 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) Health Act Order (9 April 2020)	Clause 5	The Order isolates and/or quarantines persons arriving in New Zealand. Clause 5(c) permits as “essential personal movement” a person to leave their place of isolation or quarantine if necessary to attend any court or tribunal.
Epidemic Preparedness (Wills Act 2007—Signing and Witnessing of Wills) Immediate Modification Order 2020	Clause 4	Clause 4 modifies s 11 of the Wills Act 2007 and provides that wills may be signed and witnessed using audio visual links. May be relevant to operation of legal profession.
Epidemic Preparedness (Oaths and Declarations Act 1957) Immediate Modification Order 2020	Clause 4 Clause 5	<p>Clause 4 modifies Part 1 of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 to the extent that it requires an oath to be sworn, or an affirmation to be made, in the presence of the person administering the oath or affirmation. It provides that requirement is waived and the oath/affirmation can be taken via audio-visual link. Any requirement that it be in writing is replaced with a requirement it be done during the course of the audio-visual link and copy sent to the administrator as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Clause 5 modifies s 9 of the Act to authorise officers or employees of entities to take statutory declarations on behalf of the entity where an enactment requires a declaration from the entity.</p>
Epidemic Preparedness (Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988—Enduring Powers of Attorney) Immediate Modification Order 2020	Clause 4	Clause 4: permits separate copies of an EPA to be signed, permits signing and witnessing via audio-visual link, and treats the full set of signed documents that are sent

		to an EPA holder (which may include photographs or scans) as comprising the complete instrument creating the EPA.
Epidemic Preparedness (Epidemic Management—COVID-19) Notice 2020	Clause 5	<p>Clause 5 activates certain provisions of the Immigration Act 2009:</p> <p>s 337, allowing a District Court Judge to deal with matters on the basis of documents only, where that Act would normally require a certain person to be brought before the Judge;</p> <p>s 338, allowing a District Court Judge to consider a particular question at intervals of not more than 28 days, where that Act would normally require a person to be brought before the Judge for the consideration of the question at intervals of not more than a stated duration;</p> <p>s 339, providing that existing warrants of commitment have effect for 28 days;</p> <p>s 340, allowing an immigration officer and a released person to agree to vary a condition imposed under section 320 of that Act; and s 341, modifying the calculation of the consecutive period for which a person has been detained under 1 or more warrants of commitment.</p>
Epidemic Preparedness (Epidemic Management—COVID-19—Parole Act 2002 and Sentencing Act 2002) Notice 2020	Clause 4 Clause 5	<p>Clause 4 activates ss 13A and 56A of the Parole Act 2002 which relate to procedure of the Parole Board during an epidemic and the variation of release conditions during an epidemic respectively.</p> <p>Clause 5 activates ss 54A, 54L, 67A, 69A, 69J, 80ZH and 80ZI of the Sentencing Act 2002 which relate to community-based sentences or home detention.</p>

<p>High Court (COVID-19 Preparedness) Amendment Rules 2020</p>	<p>Rule 5 Rule 6 Rule 17</p>	<p>Amends the High Court Rules. Main changes include: Rule 5 amends and inserts rr 3.4 and 3.4A to provide for emergency registry closures and to ensure that hearings can proceed via remote participation. Rule 6 inserts new r 5.1A to allow electronic filing of documents. Rule 17 replaces r 9.73 and substitutes a rule allowing for reliance on unsworn affidavits.</p>
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