



# **Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment (COVID-19—Applications) Regulations 2021**

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

## **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 12th day of April 2021

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under sections 400 and 401A of the Immigration Act 2009—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Immigration required under section 403A of that Act and made in accordance with section 401A(4) to (7) of that Act.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment (COVID-19—Applications) Regulations 2021.

### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 7 May 2021.

### 3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010.

### 4 Regulation 9A amended (Suspension of ability to apply for certain visas)

(1) Replace regulation 9A(1)(aa) with:

(aa) is in, and intends to travel from,—

- (i) a COVID-19 quarantine-free travel zone; or
- (ii) a country or territory that has been, but is no longer, a COVID-19 quarantine-free travel zone; or

(2) In regulation 9A(1A), replace “safe” with “quarantine-free”.

(3) In regulation 9A(3) and (4), replace “7 May 2021” with “6 August 2021”.

Michael Webster,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 7 May 2021, amend the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Regulations 2010.

Regulation 4 makes the following 3 amendments:

- it changes the defined term COVID-19 safe travel zone to the term COVID-19 quarantine-free travel zone, to more accurately reflect the nature of the travel zone; and
- it allows a person to apply for a temporary entry class visa if they are in a country or territory that was, but is no longer, a COVID-19 quarantine-free travel zone; and
- it extends, for a period of 3 months ending at the close of 6 August 2021, the suspension (with limited exceptions) of the ability of all persons who are outside New Zealand to apply for a temporary entry class visa.

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