



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

PARLIAMENT PAPER NO. 128

Rarotonga.

Mr Speaker,

Pursuant to sections 34 and 36 of the COVID-19 Act 2020, the Regulations Act 1971-72 and the Legislative Service Act 1968-69, I have the honour to submit the COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2022, Serial No. 2022/05

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Bob Williams
Secretary of Health

The HON.VAINETUTAI ROSE TOKI-BROWN, Minister Responsible for Health



COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022

Sir Tom J. Marsters, KBE

Queen's Representative

Order in Executive Council

At Avarua, Rarotonga this 24th day of February 2022

Present:

His Excellency the Queen's Representative in Executive Council

Pursuant to sections 34 and 36 of the COVID-19 Act 2020, His Excellency the Queen's Representative, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations—

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Regulations

- 1 **Title**
These regulations are the COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022.
- 2 **Commencement**
These regulations come into force on 1 March 2022.
- 3 **Regulation 16 and crossheading above regulation 16 replaced**
Replace regulation 16 and the cross-heading above regulation 16 with:
“Negative RT-PCR test (or letter)”

“16 Evidence of negative RT-PCR test (or letter)

- “(1) A person required to provide evidence of a negative result from an RT-PCR test must provide an electronic or hard copy document that confirms—
- “(a) the person’s name; and
 - “(b) the person’s date of birth or passport number; and
 - “(c) the date and time the test was conducted; and
 - “(d) the name of the laboratory that carried out the test; and
 - “(e) the type of test carried out; and
 - “(f) the test result.
- “(2) A person whose test result is positive must be treated as providing evidence of a negative result if they provide a letter from the New Zealand Ministry of Health or the person’s general practitioner confirming that—
- “(a) the person has had COVID-19 within the 3-month period before their scheduled date of departure for the Cook Islands; and
 - “(b) the Ministry or the general practitioner (as the case requires) considers that the person is no longer infectious with COVID-19.
- “(3) The Secretary may accept a document as evidence of a detail in subclause (1), despite the document not complying with subclause (1), if the Secretary considers that the document provides satisfactory evidence of the detail.
- “(4) In this regulation, a **general practitioner** means a medical practitioner who works in general practice either in the Cook Islands or New Zealand.”

4 Part 3 replaced

Replace Part 3 with:

“Part 3**“Short-term restrictions on entry to Cook Islands****“25 Meaning of partially vaccinated child**

In this Part, **partially vaccinated child** means a child who—

- “(a) has received only the first dose of a 2-dose course of a COVID-19 vaccine specified in Schedule 4; and
- “(b) has received the first dose at least 14 days before the scheduled departure date of their journey to the Cook Islands; and
- “(c) provides evidence, in a manner approved by the Secretary of Health, of receiving the first dose and the date on which it was received.

“26 Short-term restrictions for groups 2 and 3

- “(1) This regulation applies to persons in groups 2 and 3 entering the Cook Islands during the period beginning on 1 March 2022 and ending with the close of 31 March 2022.
- “(2) A person in group 2 or 3 may only enter the Cook Islands if the person complies with the requirements in Schedule 1, which applies as if the person were in group 1.

- “(3) However, a person in group 2 or 3 is not required to comply with clause 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 (which relates to vaccination requirements) if the person—
- “(a) is a child under the age of 5 years and 3 months (*see* clause 2 of Schedule 1); or
 - “(b) is a partially vaccinated child under the age of 12 years; or
 - “(c) has a medical exemption.
- “(4) This regulation overrides Schedules 2 and 3 so that—
- “(a) Schedule 2 does not apply to a person in group 2; and
 - “(b) Schedule 3 does not apply to a person in group 3.
- “(5) This regulation ceases to apply at the close of 31 March 2022.

5 Schedule 1 amended (Entry requirements for group 1)

In Schedule 1, after clause 1, insert:

“2. Exemption from group 1 vaccination requirements

A person in group 1 who is under the age of 5 years and 3 months is exempt from the requirement to be vaccinated.

JJ Harold Browne
Clerk of the Executive Council

These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Health.
These regulations were made on the **24th** day of **February** 2022.