



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

PARLIAMENT PAPER NO. 127

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 2022, Serial No. 2022/04

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 2022

Sir Tom J. Marsters, KBE

Queen's Representative

Order in Executive Council

At Avarua, Rarotonga this 27th day of January 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 2022.

- 2 **Commencement**
These regulations come into force on 1 February 2022.

- 3 **Principal regulations amended**
These regulations amend the COVID-19 (Air Border Entry Requirements) Regulations 2021.

- 4 **New regulation 7A inserted (Regulations 5 to 7 subject to Part 3)**
After regulation 7, insert:
- “7A **Regulations 5 to 7 subject to Part 3**
Regulations 5 to 7 are subject to Part 3 (Short-term restrictions on entry to Cook Islands).
- 5 **Regulation 16 amended (Evidence of negative RT-PCR test)**
Insert, as regulation 16(2):
- “(2) 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.
- 6 **New Part 3 inserted (Short-term restrictions on entry to Cook Islands)**
After regulation 24, insert:
- “Part 3**
“Short-term restrictions on entry to Cook Islands
- “25 **Short-term restrictions for group 2**
- “(1) A person in group 2 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.
- “(2) However, a person in group 2 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; or
- “(b) has a medical exemption.
- “(3) Schedule 2 does not apply to a person in group 2.
- “(4) This regulation ceases to apply at the close of 28 Feb 2022.
- “26 **Short-term restrictions for group 3**
- “(1) A person in group 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.
- “(2) However, a person in group 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; or
- “(b) has a medical exemption.
- “(3) Schedule 3 does not apply to a person in group 3.
- “(4) This regulation ceases to apply at the close of 28 Feb 2022.”

JJ Harold Browne
Clerk of the Executive Council

These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Health.
These regulations were made on the _____ day of _____ 2022.