



Bulletin – Tertiary Provider and International Bulletin

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Alert Level status

The government has today announced that the current Alert Level 2 settings will remain in place. These are;

- **Auckland** will remain at Alert L2, with extra restrictions on social gatherings, funerals and tangihanga
- The **rest of New Zealand** will remain at Alert Level 2.
- Face coverings will remain mandatory on public transport at Alert Level 2 and above. However physical distancing requirements on public transport (planes, trains and buses) is not required from today.

Cabinet will meet again on **Monday 21st September 2020** to review the Auckland settings, with any changes in Alert levels taking effect **at 11.59pm on Wednesday 23rd September 2020**.

If the number of new COVID-19 cases in the community continue tracking as they are, the rest of New Zealand will move into Alert Level 1 from **11.59pm on Monday 21st September 2020**. Cabinet will confirm this move on Monday 21 September.

You will be familiar with guidance for tertiary education organisations (TEOs) on how to operate under different Alert Levels. This guidance can be [found here](#).

The number one priority remains the welfare of staff and students, and ensuring that they remain safe and well during this time. To assist you with that, we have compiled a range of health and wellbeing support for students in one place. This includes support to access essential supplies and other financial assistance, mental health services and wellbeing resources. This can be found [here](#).



Temporary approval for online delivery expires on 31 December 2020

NZQA has granted automatic extensions to 31 December 2020 for programmes and training schemes delivered online in New Zealand. We would like to remind tertiary education organisations intending to continue delivering programmes and training schemes online in 2021 to [apply for a permanent change to an approved programme](#) before their temporary approval expires.

Delivery to new international students offshore

Tertiary education organisations planning to deliver to new international students offshore must apply for permanent offshore delivery. Information and guidance on making an application for permanent offshore delivery is available on the [NZQA website](#). Offshore delivery of a programme leading to an NZQF qualification must meet the [NZQF Offshore Programme Delivery Rules](#) (in addition to the standard programme approval and accreditation rules).

Please contact NZQA on covid19.enquiries@nzqa.govt.nz if you have an enquiry.

Things change quickly so stay up to date by following the links below:

For health advice, please refer to the Ministry of Health's website.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

For cross-agency information about COVID-19, including what support is available, health advice, and travel restrictions visit the All-of-Government website <https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

For resources in Te Reo Māori, visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/updates-and-resources/translations/te-reo-maori/>

For information to support Pacific communities, visit <https://www.facebook.com/MinistryforPacificPeoples/>

For resources in [sign language and easy read formats](#).

To keep updated on travel restrictions and visa information visit

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/coronavirus-update-inz-response>

For additional advice for tertiary providers/whare wānanga visit the Ministry of Education website <http://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>

