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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
15 February 2021	Managed Isolation and Quarantine charges for temporary entry class visa holders and extension of charging for MIQ for returning New Zealanders	Office of the Minister for COVID-19 Response
15 February 2021	CAB-21-MIN-0016, Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges for Temporary Entry Class Visa Holders	Cabinet Office
March 2021	Supplementary Analysis Report: Amendments to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Regulations 2020	MBIE
18 March 2021	COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021	Office of the Minister for COVID-19 Response
18 March 2021	LEG-21-MIN-0028, COVID-19 Public Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Public Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021

Portfolio COVID-19 Response

On 18 March 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 15 February 2021 Cabinet
 - 1.1 agreed that all temporary entry class visa holders be made liable for the Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) fees of:
 - 1.1.1 \$4,800 (GST exclusive) for the first or only person in the room;
 - 1.1.2 \$2,600 (GST exclusive) for an additional adult in the same room;
 - 1.1.3 \$1,400 (GST exclusive) for an additional child (aged 3-17 years) in the same room;
 - 1.2 agreed in principle, subject to final decisions by the Attorney General and the Minister for COVID-19 Response, to extend the minimum time that returning New Zealand citizens and permanent residents are required to remain in the country to be exempt from MIQ fees from 90 days to 180 days;
 - 1.3 invited the Minister for COVID-19 Response to report back on the final decisions, including the timing of when the change will come into effect and any transitional arrangements that may be necessary;
 - 1.4 agreed that changes to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Regulations 2020 to give effect to the decisions come into effect on 25 March 2021 so that the new fees are in place to ensure that international students arriving in New Zealand from April 2021 are charged the prescribed the MIQ fee;
- [CAB-21-MIN-0016]
- 2 **noted** that the Attorney General and the Minister for COVID-19 Response have agreed to increase the minimum period for returning New Zealanders and permanent residents to be in the country and not be liable for MIQ fees to 180 days;

- 3 **noted** that:
- 3.1 as a result of the policy decision made by the Attorney General and the Minister for COVID-19 Response, a consequential amendment to the Regulations is required to carry over and apply the proposed changes to New Zealand citizens who are ordinarily resident in Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau and are travelling via New Zealand to the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau;
- 3.2 this change is intended to maintain parity for New Zealand citizens throughout the Realm of New Zealand;
- 4 **noted** that in addition to the previously agreed matters above, agreement is sought on further changes to the MIQ fees regime;
- 5 **noted** that the higher MIQ fee for air crew and maritime crew (as temporary entry class visa holders) could have an adverse impact on the aviation and maritime sectors;
- 6 **agreed** to carve out in the Regulations air crew and maritime crew to not pay the higher MIQ fee and retain liability for the standard fee of \$2,696 + GST;
- 7 **agreed** to specifying in the Regulations that temporary entry class visa holders sharing a room in MIQ with a family member or partner who is liable for the \$2,696 + GST fee will also be liable for the lower fee level of \$950 (incl. GST) for the second adult in a room and \$475 (incl. GST) for the child;
- 8 **agreed** to amend the Regulations to clarify the criteria for fee waivers on the grounds of ‘undue financial hardship’;
- 9 **noted** that the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021 give effect to the decisions referred in the paragraphs above;
- 10 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation and Quarantine Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021 [PCO 23589/12.0];
- 11 **noted** that:
- 11.1 Part 1 of the Amendment Regulations 2021 will come into force on 25 March 2021 in accordance with Cabinet’s decision referred to in paragraph 1.4;
- 11.2 Part 2 of the Amendment Regulations 2021 will come into force on 1 June 2021.

Gerrard Carter
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Kris Faafoi
Keiran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

Officials present from:

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