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Managed Isolation and Quarantine charges for temporary entry class visa holders – talking points for Cabinet Business Committee meeting

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Purpose

This Aide Memoire notes the outcome of Ministerial consultation and provides talking points (**Annex One**) for the Cabinet Business Committee meeting on 10 February 2021, to support your presentation of the Cabinet Paper: *Managed Isolation and Quarantine charges for temporary entry class visa holders*.

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Background

1. On 29 January 2021, you received draft proposals to amend the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Managed Isolation & Quarantine Charges) Regulations 2020 to make temporary entry class visa holders liable for the standard MIQ fee of \$2,696 (excludes GST) [2021-2020 refers]. This would involve removing the exemption for temporary entry class visa holders who were ordinarily resident in New Zealand at 19 March 2020, and left New Zealand on or before 19 March 2020.
2. You have now completed Ministerial consultation on the proposals the updated Cabinet paper *Managed Isolation and Quarantine charges for temporary entry class visa holders* is due to be lodged on 5 February and considered by the Cabinet Business Committee on Wednesday 10 February 2021.
3. The paper proposes removing from the Regulations the exemption for MIQ fees for temporary entry class visa holders who were ordinarily resident in New Zealand at 19 March and left New Zealand on or before 19 March 2020. This amendment to the Regulations will then make temporary entry class visa holders liable for the standard MIQ fee of:
 - \$2,696 (GST exclusive) for the first or only adult.
 - \$826 (GST exclusive) for an additional adult in the same room;
 - \$413 (GST exclusive) for an additional child (3-17 years) in the same room; and
 - dependent children of critical workers under 3 years old are not charged.
4. The proposed changes will apply to all temporary entry class visa holders who were ordinarily resident in New Zealand before the borders were closed and had left New Zealand prior to 19 March 2020. These groups include:
 - Visitor visa holders, including tourists and family members visiting New Zealand;
 - Student visa holders;
 - Work visa holders; and
 - Limited visas.
5. The paper proposes that the changes come into effect before the first cohort of bachelor level (and above) students start to arrive (from April 2021). To ensure that the Regulations are in place before that date, it proposes that the changes come into force no later than 25 March 2021, which would be the day of Gazetting. The changes would therefore apply to all temporary entry class visa holders who arrive in New Zealand on or after that date.
6. Subject to Cabinet's approval to the Cabinet paper, the Parliamentary Counsel Office will begin drafting the proposed amendments to the Regulations.

Free and frank opinions



Annex One: Talking points

Managed Isolation and Quarantine charges for temporary entry class visa holders

The Talking Points in this section are about MIQ charges for temporary entry class visa holders which were prepared and offered by MBIE/MIQ, but they do not necessarily represent messages that the Minister for Covid-19 Response accepted or ever used.