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Minister	Hon Michael Wood	Portfolio	Immigration
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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
May 2022	<i>Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment (COVID-19 Applications) Regulations (No 2) 2022</i>	<i>Office of the Minister of Immigration</i>
5 May 2022	<i>LEG-22-MIN-0056 Minute</i>	<i>Cabinet Office</i>

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YES / NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Portfolio Immigration

On 5 May 2022, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that on 19 April 2022, Cabinet agreed to reopen offshore applications for:
 - 1.1 visitor visas from Pacific Island Forum countries (excluding Australia), from 16 May 2022;
 - 1.2 all work visas from anywhere in the world, from 4 July 2022;
 - 1.3 all visitor and student visas from anywhere in the world, from 31 July 2022;[CAB-22-MIN-0139]
- 2 **noted** that the decision in paragraph 1 above requires a consequential change to Regulation 9A of the *Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment (COVID-19 Applications) Regulations (No 2) 2022*, which currently precludes most offshore foreign nationals from applying for temporary entry class visas, including work, visitor and student visas;
- 3 **noted** that on 19 April 2022, Cabinet noted a waiver of the 28-day rule would be sought for the regulation changes associated with the Cabinet paper *Reconnecting New Zealanders: Options for Step 5*, as they will be only beneficial [CAB-22-MIN-0139];
- 4 **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule for this regulation change as it will only be beneficial;
- 5 **noted** that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment (COVID-19 Applications) Regulations (No 2) 2022 will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 1 above;
- 6 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Immigration (Visa Entry Permission and Related Matters) Amendment (COVID-19 Applications) Regulations (No 2) 2022 [PCO 24745/5.0].

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Committee Secretary

Distribution: (see over)

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