

CONSULAR ADVICE

Cease of Government Funded COVID-19 Quarantine Services for Papua New Guinea Citizens

This is to advise that all Government funded COVID-19 quarantine services for returning citizens that has been coordinated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade COVID-19 Team from May 2020, will cease on 1st December 2020 following Government directions. As of this date, citizens planning to return to the country are no longer considered stranded and therefore Government assistance will no longer apply.

However, all incoming travelers to Papua New Guinea will still be subject to COVID-19 quarantine measures hence both citizens and non-citizens, are required to pay all quarantine expenses prior to arrival into the country following Measure No. 2 of the Pandemic Act 2020 on International travel.

Citizen travelers are therefore advised to strictly adhere to the directions and ensure self-funded quarantine measures hence, both and non-citizens, are required to pay all quarantine arrangements are in place before requesting for the Controller's approval to travel from original port of departure. Citizens are reminded to avoid requesting for approval while in transit as approval processing time takes longer than the transit period.

New pre-requisites for approval will include proof of quarantine payment at designated quarantine hotels in Schedule 5 of Measure No. 2, copy of passport bio-data page and completed Air Passenger Travel Form (APTF) for travel approval to be processed with 5 working days.

COVID-19 PCR test should be done 7 days prior to boarding only after approval has been granted to enter the country.

Citizens intending to isolate at home are subject to use of tracking devices and tracking apps at individual's cost. They are required to complete Home Exemption Quarantine Form and attach with receipt of payment of these tracking services. More information on this service can be obtained from link: www.trakpro.com.pg; email: c19@trakpro.comp.pg or on mobile number: +675 7211 1118.

Entry by land board through the Skouw/Wutung Border Post is subject to the same entry processes by air.

This advice supersede any prior approvals granted for Government fund quarantine.

Citizens failing to adhere to the new entry processes shall not be given access into the country.

For further information, please contact the nearest PNG Diplomatic and Consular representative if you are overseas, or the DFAIT Covid-19 Team on the following for further details or assistance.

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