



Bulletin – Tertiary Providers and International Students

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COVID-19 Update

We understand many things are uncertain at the moment and we want to reassure you that the government is working to respond quickly to your needs.

This update provides advice around potential international flights and travelling to board a flight.

- Under Alert Level 4, people need to stay home. No travel is allowed around the country, except for essential services.
- Under Alert Level 4, you cannot take a domestic flight to connect with an international flight. If students are not in self-isolation, are well, and have a confirmed booking on a commercial international flight and can drive to the airport by car in 5 hours or less, they may travel by car to the airport.
- Alert Level 4 restrictions on travel in New Zealand are important for us all to respect to protect the health of everyone in New Zealand and to save lives. If you are travelling within the country please respect the physical distancing requirements.
- Some countries are looking to repatriate their citizens by making special flights and have been in contact with students directly via email.
- At present, no repatriation flights have been approved by the New Zealand Government. We will update you if this situation changes.
- With no repatriation flights approved, students who do not have a confirmed commercial flight booked (as above) should remain with their homestay or accommodation providers and not attempt any travel.



- We have asked education providers and homestay families to keep in close contact with you to ensure that you have access to suitable accommodation and, have the care, support and information you need to deal with any issues including visas, insurance, and other support.

Stay up to date and get more information below:

For official Government information about COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), including health advice and travel restrictions visit the All-of-Government website

<https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

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 more advice for students visit the Ministry of Education website

<http://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>

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>