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**NEW ZEALAND CLOSES ITS BORDERS TO FOREIGNERS**

The Philippine Embassy in Wellington, New Zealand has reported on the imposition by the government of New Zealand of stricter border controls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The move, which takes effect on 19 March 2020 limits the entry of foreigners to the said country except for the following:

- New Zealand citizens and residence class visa holders, including territories in the Realm – Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau;
- Partner, legal guardian or any dependent children (under the age of 24) travelling with a New Zealand citizen or residence class visa holder;
- Australian citizens and permanent residence class visa holders ordinarily resident in New Zealand;
- People subject to regulation 25 of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission and Related Matters) Regulations 2010, which includes air and marine crew; and
- Diplomats accredited to New Zealand and currently is a resident in New Zealand.

Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by Immigration New Zealand for:

- Humanitarian reasons;
- Health and other essential workers;
- Citizens of Samoa and Tonga for essential travel to New Zealand; and
- Holder of a visitor visa who is the partner of dependent of a temporary work or student visa holder and who normally lives in New Zealand and is currently in New Zealand.

No other foreign traveler will be allowed entry in New Zealand while returning residents and citizens must isolate themselves for fourteen (14) days upon arrival.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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Source: Philippine Embassy in New Zealand  
Immigration New Zealand website

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