



# CREW NOTICE FOR QUARANTINE / ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS AT THE MARITIME BORDER

New Zealand has implemented new rules to prevent the risk of COVID-19 entering New Zealand through the maritime border.

The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) Order 2020 came into effect at 11:59pm (NZ time) on 30 June 2020.

Under the Order people arriving in New Zealand must comply with requirements relating to isolation or quarantine, disembarkation, and crew change. The Order applies to people arriving on all vessels, including yachts and pleasure craft. An exception to this rule is crew on board a vessel that are not leaving the vessel for the time it is in New Zealand.

## Isolation or quarantine requirements in the Order

If you want to disembark the vessel and be in New Zealand you must remain in isolation or quarantine on the vessel for at least 14 days after arrival.

An exception to the requirement exists where:

1. The vessel you are on has been at sea for at least 29 consecutive days **AND**
2. During this time no person on board the vessel has had contact with any other person other than those people who were on board when the vessel most recently departed for New Zealand **AND**
3. Customs requirements relating to craft arrival and disembarkation have been adhered to **AND**
4. A New Zealand medical officer of health or health protection officer is reasonably satisfied that no person on board has displayed COVID-19 symptoms
5. If you meet the requirements of 2 to 4 above and have been at sea for more than 14 days and less than 29 consecutive days, your isolation or quarantine period is the number of days needed to make up a 28 day period. For example, if you have been at sea for 25 consecutive days you will be subject to isolation or quarantine for 3 days (25 days at sea + 3 days isolation/quarantine = 28 days).

If the exception doesn't apply you are required to isolate or quarantine on arrival for at least 14 days as determined by the New Zealand medical officer of health/health protection officer.

The 14 day period of isolation or quarantine begins when the vessel arrives in New Zealand.

If a new crew member joins the vessel during your period of isolation or quarantine then the 14 day period restarts for you, and commences for the crew member, the day the new crew member joins the vessel.

Isolation/Quarantine on board a vessel requires every person on board to minimise contact with any other person to the best extent possible. This is important and necessary to reduce the risk of passing COVID-19 to other crew members.

You must report for and submit to medical examination and testing if required.

## Disembarkation requirements

You may only disembark the vessel in accordance with the Order if:

- You are carrying out essential tasks relating to the vessel you arrived on, such as loading/unloading cargo, ship maintenance, undertaking vessel safety checks, other necessary ship preparations (note: you must take steps to prevent the risk of spreading COVID-19, by wearing personal protective equipment if coming into close contact with others, remaining as close as possible to the ship, keeping physical distance as practicable from any other person who did not arrive on the same vessel as you)
- For other purposes, including emergencies, accessing urgent health services, accessing a court or tribunal, being required to disembark by a medical officer of health or health protection officer
- You are unable or unwilling to remain in isolation or quarantine on the vessel (note: if this is the case you will be moved to a managed facility)
- You are required to travel to an international airport to leave New Zealand (for example, as part of crew change)
- You have completed the required isolation and quarantine period. To enter and be in New Zealand you will also need to meet immigration requirements

If any of these circumstances apply to you please inform your master/skipper in charge of the vessel and you will be required to follow the processes outlined in the *Ministry of Health Quarantine/isolation process at the maritime border guide* before disembarking your vessel.

You must follow the directions of an enforcement officer. An enforcement may require you to take any action to comply with these requirements, if the officer believes you are contravening or likely to contravene these requirements.

If you leave the vessel without permission (for example, in contravention of the disembarkation requirements above), leave the port area or attempt to leave the port area when you are not authorised to do so, you may be arrested by the New Zealand Police and prosecuted. You may also be subject to additional security measures for the remainder of your time in New Zealand.

**You must ensure that you understand these requirements. The master/skipper will ask that you sign a crew sheet acknowledging you understand these requirements in order that you comply.**