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## COVID-19 – AUCKLAND CHECKPOINTS AND THE GOVERNMENT QR CODE

Auckland moved to Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand to Alert Level 2 at **12 noon on Wednesday 12 August**, for three days.

This is a dynamic situation and the Road Transport Forum will bring you information as it comes to hand. We have reactivated our Covid-19 web page [here](#) – which we will update as information comes to hand.

We are aware of the long delays at the Auckland check points operated by the New Zealand Police. The RTF is trying to get easy access through these checkpoints for trucks, and we will keep you posted as we progress with this.

The Police have advised this morning that they are looking at a dedicated slip lane for trucks at the Southern motorway border in and out of Auckland. This needs to be signed off by Auckland Transport and the Police are hoping that will happen by mid-day today. The Northern border is more problematic as there are a number of rural roads that could be used as bypasses.

The Police have advised us that there are forums where truck drivers are offering to guide people in and out of Auckland, or pick up passengers on the back routes. All transport needs to stick to the main routes and follow the rules. **THIS BEHAVIOUR IS VERY DAMAGING TO THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY AND TO THE WORK WE ARE TRYING TO DO TO GET BETTER ACCESS FOR TRUCKS THROUGH CHECKPOINTS.**

At this stage, the Ministry of Transport suggests preparing for these delays and that advice stands until there are any changes. Drivers should carry a letter from their employer stating they are providing an essential business or service and that they need to travel for this. It is advisable to also carry a business card, or work ID.

The latest information from MoT is below.

### Information from Ministry of Transport

Presently there are no restrictions on freight and all goods can move between the regions.

With Auckland entering Alert Level 3, Police have established road checkpoints. There are nine checkpoints at exit points just inside the regional boundaries, largely based on the Auckland Super City boundaries.

Freight operators are permitted to move between Auckland and other regions.

We are aware of long queues at some checkpoints. We recommend that you and your operators allow extra time within your trip planning to avoid queues as best you can. The Police are working to get these checkpoints operating as efficiently as possible but some disruption and congestion is inevitable especially in the initial stages. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.

Drivers should carry a letter from their employer stating they are providing an essential business or service and that they need to travel for this. It is advisable to also carry a business card, or work ID.

Remember when travelling to and from regions, follow the official COVID-19 advice:

- keep your distance from other people in public
- wash your hands
- sneeze and cough into your elbow
- keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen
- wear a face covering where social distancing is not possible
- public facilities including restrooms can be used during these essential journeys without the need for further precautions other than the health measures mentioned above.

Read more information about <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/restrictions/current-alert-level/>

For all of the latest Alert Level transport guidance and information on the Ministry of Transport's webpage: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/about/covid-19/>.

## Order from the Ministry of Health - All business and services must display the official government QR code for the NZ COVID Tracer App

Yesterday (Wednesday 12 August), the Government issued the [COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Alert Levels 3 and 2\) Order 2020](#) to manage any further spread of COVID-19 in New Zealand.

The Order includes a requirement during Alert Levels 2 and 3 for **all businesses and services**:

- to display the official government QR code for the NZ COVID Tracer App, and
- have systems and processes in place to otherwise support contact tracing for people who do not scan in with the NZ COVID Tracer app (such as a pen-and-paper register or a digital sign-in system).

These contact tracing requirements come into force at **11:59pm on 19 August 2020**.

If you have not already generated an official QR code poster for each of your premises, you will need to get your posters before this time through the webform at: <https://qrform.tracing.covid19.govt.nz/>.

To use the webform, you will need:

- a valid New Zealand driver licence so your identity can be verified

- the address details for each of your premises
- your email address
- an email address and contact phone number for each of your locations.

If your business has a large number of premises or the person filling in the form does not have a driver licence, they can also get your official QR codes by sending a [completed template](#) to the NZ COVID Tracer support team at [help@covidtracer.min.health.nz](mailto:help@covidtracer.min.health.nz)

Please note you need to create a separate poster for each of your premises or unique locations, but can print as many copies of each poster as you need for each premises. Print your posters in A4 and in colour (if possible).

Make sure to put your posters on display in prominent locations next to every entrance. If you can, place a poster on the left-hand side of your front window or entrance, with the top approximately 130cm from the ground. Please see [Tips displaying your NZ COVID Tracer poster](#) for further guidance.

You can find further information about the QR codes on the [Ministry of Health website](#).

Further information about the requirements and restrictions for businesses during Alert Levels 2 and 3 can be found on the [Unite against COVID-19 website](#).

## **Information from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency – vehicle inspections**

This link gives the latest information on vehicle checks and how they can be managed through the changing alert levels:

<https://vehicleinspection.nzta.govt.nz/virms/in-service-wof-and-cof/tb-general/covid-19-recovery>

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