

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ACT 2020

SECTION 18 AUTHORISATION

1. In accordance with section 18 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (“the Act”), I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield as Director-General of Health, authorise members of the Armed Forces (as defined in section 2 of the Defence Act 1990) to carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer as further described in this authorisation.
2. I am satisfied that members of the Armed Forces providing support to Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities as part of the New Zealand Government COVID-19 response are suitably qualified and trained persons to carry out the functions and powers of enforcement officers.
3. I authorise members of the Armed Forces providing support to Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities as part of the New Zealand Government COVID-19 response to carry out the following functions and powers of an enforcement officer under the Act:
 - a. the power to give directions under section 21; and
 - b. the power to direct persons to provide identifying information under section 23.
4. A member of the Armed Forces providing support to Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities as part of the New Zealand Government COVID-19 response may carry out the powers and functions of an enforcement officer as set out in paragraph 3 of this authorisation for the purpose of assisting in the implementation of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) (No 2) Order 2020, the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020 and the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) (No 2) Order 2020 (or any orders that modify, replace, or correspond to those orders).
5. This authorisation will take effect from **20 December 2021** and will continue to apply until **31 December 2022**, unless earlier revoked in accordance with section 18(4) of the Act.

Dated at Wellington ____ December 2021

Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Director-General of Health