

Summary of current Pacific border restrictions by country at **21 May 2020**

Note: border information is subject to change and the following detail should be treated **as a guide only**.

Key messages

- The New Zealand government (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade) is continuing to work with Pacific governments to further clarify their planning and priorities for the return of their citizens.
- Border restrictions remain in place. Pacific governments are in varying stages of readiness. While some (for example, Fiji) have return process and operational quarantine facilities in place, others are still confirming their arrangements.
- Once border restrictions ease, we expect passenger flights will continue to be limited, due to constraints in managed quarantine facilities. Priority for return will vary and likely to depend on priorities as well as how countries opt to manage bookings. MFAT will continue to provide updates as arrangements are known.
- We encourage employers to maintain ongoing communication with workers to keep them updated of the border restrictions and to progress any concerns through to their industry representatives and MBIE.

Country	Cases (8/5)	Border restrictions	Specific requirements
Samoa	No cases	<p>The border remains closed including for nationals.</p> <p>It is expected to open for Samoa nationals only travelling from New Zealand on May 29 2020, with one scheduled commercial flight allowed to enter Apia. However, this is still dependent on COVID-19 testing arrangements being confirmed.</p> <p>Details: The first passenger flight is scheduled for 29 May. Other flights will be planned but their proceeding will depend on the success of the May 22 flight and associated testing and quarantine procedures.</p> <p>All inbound Samoa citizens are required to contact the Samoa High Commission to register interest.</p>	<p>Samoa is likely to require the following for all incoming passengers.</p> <p>(a) For any passengers intending to travel to Samoa, the following considerations and categories of travellers are relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) returning residents and students with returning tickets; (ii) where travel permits have expired; (iii) the need for essential services for Samoa; and (iv) any other special and relevant ground for travel to Samoa. <p>(b) The following mandatory terms for each passenger apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a COVID 19 test has been done within three (3) days before departure for Samoa; and (iii) to be quarantined on arrival in Samoa for 14 days.
Tonga	No cases	<p>Border remains closed, including for nationals.</p> <p>Details: A flight diversion order is in place until 12 June, blocking all but authorised flights from arriving; however, border restrictions are likely to be in place beyond this date.</p>	<p>Arrangements for quarantine are being worked through but are likely to be confirmed in the next week.</p>

Fiji	8 cases	<p>Border is open to nationals but only through government approved passenger flights.</p> <p>There are no confirmed upcoming flights.</p>	<p>Only Fijian passport holders will be allowed to board government-approved flights. All other passengers will require prior approval from the Fiji Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>No COVID-19 test or medical certificate is required to board flight. (We will provide further information if this changes.)</p> <p>On arrival to Fiji, passengers will be required to spend 14 days at the Fiji government-managed isolation facility (the Novotel Hotel in Nadi). Basic meals will be provided.</p> <p>After completion of the 14 days managed isolation, everyone will be tested for COVID-19. On the return of a negative test, they will then be required to spend a further 14 days in isolation at their own residence. Everyone else at that residence is also required to self-isolate.</p>
Vanuatu	No cases	<p>Border is open to nationals but only through government approved passenger flights. There are no confirmed upcoming flights.</p> <p>Details: International commercial passenger flights have ceased in Vanuatu until further notice. Air Vanuatu has approval to operate fortnightly cargo flights, on a commercial basis subject to demand but flights are yet to commence.</p>	<p>Arrangements for quarantine are still being worked through but are likely to be confirmed in the next week.</p>
PNG	8 cases	<p>Border entry is restricted, but possible for nationals to return with some conditions.</p> <p>Details: Limited commercial flights options are available (via Brisbane), providing Queensland transit requirements can be met.</p> <p>All PNG nationals that require repatriation are required to register their details with the PNG High Commission, and PNG's foreign affairs department: office@png.org.nz and dfait20@gmail.com</p>	<p>Under Papua New Guinea's National State of Emergency (extended on 2 April for a further two months) no person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG, unless granted an explicit exemption by the Emergency Controller or the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.</p> <p>Passengers checking-in to inbound international flights are required to show a passport, ticket, approval from DFAIT and/or PNG's State of Emergency Controller, and evidence of a booking in an approved location where a mandatory 14 days of quarantine will be spent. Costs to be determined, but may be met by PNG government. On arrival, all passengers will be transferred to their quarantine location.</p> <p>No COVID-19 test or medical certificate is required to board flights. (We will provide further information if this changes.)</p>
Kiribati	No cases	<p>Border remains closed, including for nationals.</p> <p>Details: No passenger flights to Kiribati.</p>	<p>Should the border open, travellers from New Zealand must spend 14 days in a "country free of COVID-19" and provide a medical clearance confirming COVID-19 free status on day 14 prior to entering Kiribati</p>
Solomon Islands	No cases	<p>Border is open to nationals, but through government approved flights.</p> <p>A special commercial flight has been scheduled for 26 May from Brisbane to Honiara.</p> <p>The Solomon Islands High Commission is collecting the details of those nationals that would like to return to Solomon Islands.</p>	<p>There are no further details on whether there is a prioritisation process for this flight. Those wishing to book a seat are required to register with Solomon Airlines via the following link: https://flysolomons.typeform.com/to/DUaxA9?fbclid=IwAR0ETwbD4FCaGuoxerSO8IZGV7_B4kemeERCdoZOvNwjFA4228uXMWeZJsc</p> <p>Once a booking is confirmed, passengers are able to book a connecting flight on Air New Zealand from Auckland to Brisbane. Flight times have been aligned to ensure passengers can transit within an eight hour window.</p> <p>Arriving passengers will be required to undergo 28 days quarantine in a government facility.</p> <p>Detailed information provided in the separate attached document.</p>

Tuvalu	No cases	All flights to Tuvalu are suspended.	Should flights resume, anyone travelling from countries with COVID-19 (including New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji) must undertake a 14 day period of self-isolation in a country other than those listed as high-risk, prior to entering Tuvalu. They must also obtain a medical clearance three days prior to entering Tuvalu.
Nauru	No cases	Border is open to nationals. Details: Air Nauru is operating one fortnightly service out of Brisbane. Nauru nationals can return home from New Zealand, providing Queensland transit requirements can be met. No other services available.	14 day quarantine required on arrival.