

# COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE EXEMPTION

## SUBJECT: FACE COVERING EXEMPTION

This certifies that the bearer is **exempt from wearing a face covering on public transport and on public domestic flights** in New Zealand where one or more of the reasons set out below are present.

This exemption is made pursuant to section 9C of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level Requirements) Order 2020 as amended by COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level Requirements) Amendment Order (No 4) 2020 (LI 2020/283).

### ISSUED:

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### VALIDITY:

The foreseeable future.

## The reasons are one or more of the following:

- 1 There is an emergency.
2. Wearing a face covering is not safe in all the circumstances.
3. The bearer is communicating with a deaf or hard of hearing person & visibility of the mouth is essential for communication.
4. The bearer has been asked to remove the face covering to confirm their identity.
5. Removal (or not wearing) the covering is required or authorised by law.
6. The bearer is aged under twelve (12) years.
7. The bearer needs to remove the face covering to take their medicine.
8. The bearer needs to remove the face covering to eat or to drink (provided eating/drinking is permitted by T&Cs of carriage).
- 9. The bearer has a physical or mental illness or condition\* or disability that makes wearing a face covering unsuitable.**
10. The bearer is driving or operating a vehicle from an enclosed space separate from the passenger area.

\* **NOTE:** Shortness of breath, anxiety or critical thinking are examples of conditions that many people find makes wearing a face covering unsuitable.

## Important information:

This is not an official document. It is not required to hold this document in order to claim exemption from wearing a face covering. Additional documentation (eg a doctors certificate) is not required.