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# NIUE WELCOMES QUARANTINE FREE TRAVEL BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND NIUE

From 28 June (NZ time), Niue Will Commence Quarantine Free Travel

Alofi, Niue – 3 May 2022 – The Government of Niue (GON) today announced Quarantine Free Travel (QFT) to Niue from Monday 27 June 2022 and the resumption of passenger flights every week.

The Cabinet has approved a timeline for Niue transitioning from home isolation to Quarantine Free Travel in preparation for this start date.

Quarantine Free Travel to Niue (those who also meet normal immigration requirements) will be open to all travellers once all pre-departure testing requirements have been met.

All travellers arriving into Niue once QFT commences will still be required to undertake COVID-testing as required by the Niue Health Department by completing a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests.

Premier of Niue Dalton Tagelagi says Niue is unique as one of the few countries globally that have managed to keep COVID-19 at the border since its first case in March 2022.

This timeline will see easing of passenger restrictions over the coming weeks and increments to passenger numbers.

"Two-way quarantine-free travel is a significant step for Niue's COVID-19 recovery and it will mean families can reconnect, commercial arrangements can resume, and our families can visit their homes in Niue."

Premier Tagelagi said, "A lot of work had gone into ensuring the timeline to quarantine free travel was safe and that the people in Niue are ready for it come June 27. This reflects in increment of passenger numbers allowed to enter Niue over the next coming weeks."

"The health and safety of the people of Niue have at all times been paramount and we wanted to ensure that our vaccination program for our 5 - 11-year-olds was completed before we started easing our border MIQ measures. The opening of the Isolation Unit at Niue Foou Hospital was another consideration for QFT."

GON officials will continue to work towards ensuring all safety protocols and response capabilities are in place as part of its phased approach toward two-way quarantine free travel between Niue and New Zealand.

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### ABOUT

Entry into Niue requires travellers to be fully vaccinated including the booster dose where applicable.

Travel insurance remains a requirement for non-Niue residents.

