

COVID-19 FAST FACTS FOR 9 APRIL 2020



2nd Covid Payment

Thank you all for continuing to manage in these difficult circumstances. Your efforts are really appreciated by everyone.

The Ministry is continuing to work with the primary care sector to ensure support is provided where it is most needed.

We are pleased to advise that a further payment will be made to you tonight, with a follow up payment to be made in approximately two weeks. This payment is solely based on the number of patients enrolled in your practice based on the enrolled population as at 1 April 2020.

This payment includes particular consideration of rural practices and the resources required to support service continuity in these times.

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Cabinet agreed to extend all expired licences by *up to* 6 months, by way of a Rule change. The amended rules come into force tomorrow.

The change applies to any licences that were due to expire from 1 January (unless they were otherwise already revoked), and applies for a period for up to 6 months.

Waka Kotahi is working on a plan for transitioning out of the lockdown, recognising that there will be a backlog of licence (and WOF and other requirements) renewals to work through. As part of that transition, we might shorten the exemption period (i.e. require licences to be renewed before the end of the 6 month period). We will communicate the transition plan as its developed.

For now the message for general practitioners to communicate to drivers over 75 is that they can continue to drive using their existing licence, as the term of the licence has been deemed to have been extended until further notice.

You can find a summary of the changes here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-services-update/frequently-asked-questions/rules-changes-general-faqs/>

Covid-19 – Changes to vaccinator training and vaccination processes

Refer to the MoH document attached