

International Travel Assessment Form

Les Gets MTB World Cup 2021

Risk Assessment Completed by
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Assessment reviewed by:

Shanelle Barrett
22 June 2021
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Event Name	MTB World Cup
Date of Event	3-4 July 2021
Location of Event including Country	Les Gets, France
Names of athletes, support staff travelling	<p>The following riders have indicated they would like to compete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben Oliver (XCO Elite)• Josh Burnett (XCO U23)• Jessica Blewitt (DHI Elite)• Boaz Hebblethwaite (DHI Elite)• Sam Shaw (XCO Elite)• Cameron Jones (XCO – U23)• Keegan Wright (4X – Elite)
Travel itinerary Include any stopovers	Flights will vary however majority are currently located in Europe and will be travelling from their location in Europe. Depending on airlines available for flights
Current NZ COVID Alert Level and NZ government travel recommendations	<p>NZ is at alert level 1</p> <p>New Zealanders are advised not to travel overseas at this time.</p> <p>The New Zealand Government has raised its travel advice to “do not travel” — the highest level — regardless of destination.</p> <p>As of 19 April - You can travel from New Zealand to Australia without needing to quarantine there if you have been in New Zealand for 14 days or more and have not been in a designated COVID-19 outbreak location.</p>

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Do not travel overseas at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, associated health risks and widespread travel restrictions. This do not travel advisory level 4 of 4 applies to all destinations except Australia and the Cook Islands. [Read more](#)

Exercise increased caution in Australia and the Cook Islands (level 2 of 4). Quarantine-free travel is now available between New Zealand and Australia, and between New Zealand and the Cook Islands....

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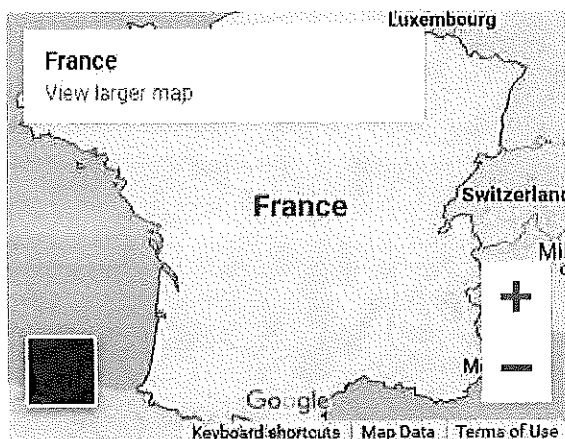


+ COVID-19

We currently advise that all New Zealanders do not travel overseas at this time due to the outbreak of COVID-19, associated health risks and widespread travel restrictions.

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France

Terrorism

A heightened threat of terrorism remains throughout France, with a number of serious and particularly violent attacks in the recent past:

- On 29 October 2020, an individual killed three people in a knife attack in Notre Dame Basilica in Nice.
- On 25 September 2020, an individual seriously injured four people in a knife attack outside the former Charlie Hebdo magazine headquarters.
- On 4 April 2020, an individual carried out a knife attack in Romans-sur-Isère, killing two people and injuring five others.
- On 24 May 2019, three people were arrested after the explosion of a package bomb in a shopping area of Lyon, injuring 13 people.
- On 11 December 2018, an individual carried out an attack at a Christmas market in Strasbourg, killing 3 people and injuring 12 others.
- On 14 July 2016, a truck drove into a large crowd at Bastille Day celebrations in Nice killing 86 people and injuring 434 others.
- On 13 November 2015, coordinated attacks took place across six different locations in Paris, killing 130 people and injuring over 350 others.

Return to New Zealand requirements and costs and who will be funding?

- MIQ voucher - <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>
- Pre-departure testing requirements
- Who will cover the costs?

All travellers to New Zealand (excluding those from Antarctica, Australia and most Pacific Islands) must show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result before departure. This is for all countries as at 25th January 2021.

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<p>Significance/Importance of this travel? Olympic Qualifications etc?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Les Gets MTB World Cup is the 4th MTB bike World Cup in 2021 out of a planned 8 World Cups in the qualification process for the year towards World Championships. - MTB World Cups are an important development step towards the World Championships where our MTB riders are expected to perform against the 'World's Best' and the exposure to European racing is invaluable for our riders who have limited access to high level of competition in NZL. - The World Championships qualification is important to ensure we can perform on the World stage, meet High Performance and Development Targets and gain points in the qualification process for the Commonwealth and Olympic Games. - Due to the Global Pandemic and the previous position statement issued by Cycling New Zealand, we have not been able to process entries in the first three MTB World Cups, with the exception of a targeted entry allowed to gain Olympic Qualification, under the category of 'national significance' with Sport NZ. - This has meant anyone NOT on the Olympic Long List has not been able to gain this international experience and racing since 2019 before the COVID Pandemic halted all events in 2020. Since then, although LOC's and UCI have held events, CNZ Position Statement disabled our MTB High Performance and Development athletes ability to gain entry through the National Federation and to travel Internationally. - Some of our riders have been able to join a UCI registered MTB Teams as a way to gain entries to these events (without requiring National Federation processing), but unfortunately the window for new additions to teams now closed. - For our riders that were 1st year U19 or U23 in 2020, it means they have now missed out on a whole category of racing against International competition and will likely impact our qualification and results in World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympics.
<p>Travel Information and Insurance</p>	
<p>In-flight requirements of airline and/or government (e.g., face masks, physical distancing, sanitation etc.)</p>	<p><u>Air NZ statement</u> – "All passengers are required to wear a face-covering prior to reaching the boarding gate and on all Air New Zealand operated flights. Passengers are welcome to wear their own face-covering and we will continue to make masks available.</p>

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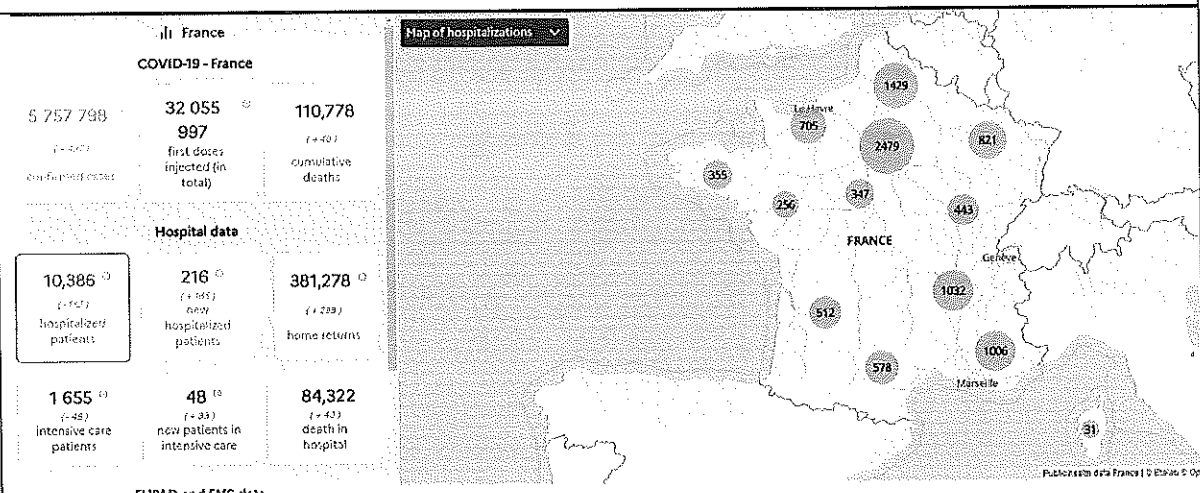
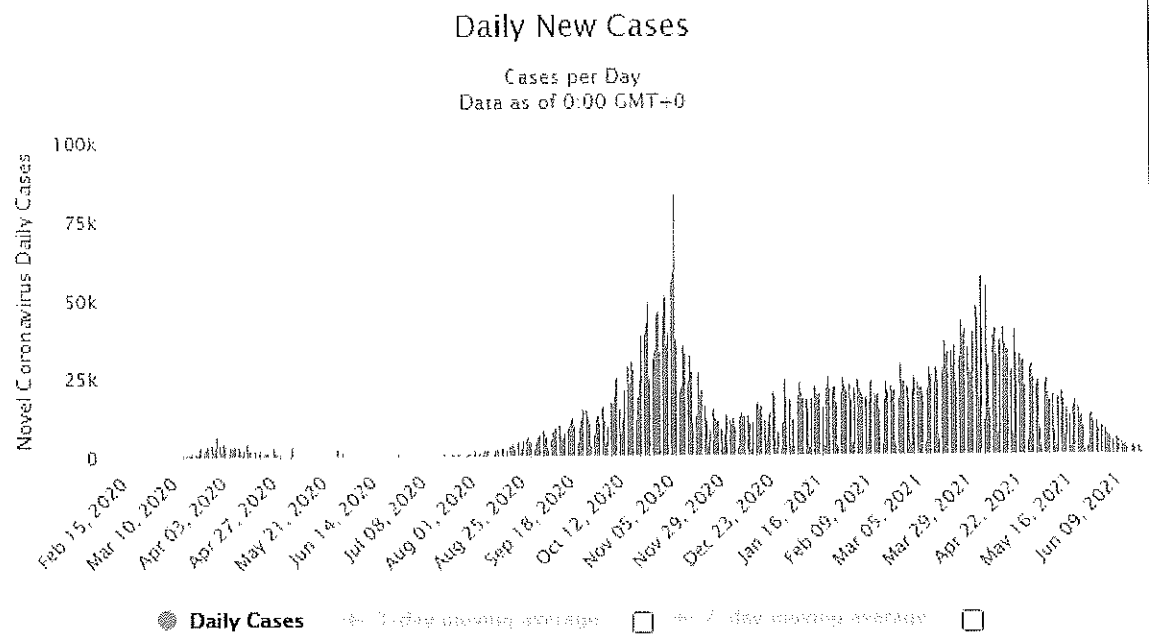
	<p>High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly, and we are taking extra steps to ensure all our aircraft, lounges and airports are frequently cleaned. Hand sanitiser will be readily available.</p> <p>Physical distancing is still recommended at the airport and while boarding at Alert Level 1. Where possible we will allocate additional space to support physical distancing on board</p> <p>Our food & beverage service is back to normal. Please wear a mask or face covering while you're not enjoying a drink or bite to eat"</p> <p>https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/covid19#care</p> <p><i>Most major airlines require some form of PPE to be worn and have cleaning regimes in place. Athletes would be advised to wear a mask and carry out their own sanitization of their seats should they travel. This would be covered in their safety plan.</i></p>
<p>Travel and health insurance status and what has been put in place.</p> <p>What will this cover?</p> <p>e.g., if there is an outbreak and local quarantine is required, hospitalization, intensive care support and potential relocation?</p> <p>COVID infection risk after travel with COVID positive person(s) and therefore required to isolate with no training options</p>	<p>Insurance for each rider will be known when they complete their safety plan. The rider will need to acknowledge that any shortfalls from the insurance with regards to disruption, medical cover etc will need to be personally covered by the rider.</p> <p>Chubb – Declared "foreseen circumstance"</p> <p>There is no cover for trip cancellation or disruption if the policy was purchased after the customer became aware of circumstances which could lead to the cancellation or disruption of the trip (a "foreseen circumstance"). It is important that the customer considers this prior to the purchase of any new travel insurance or new travel arrangements for an existing travel policy with Chubb.</p> <p>Chubb considers COVID-19 to be a "foreseen circumstance" for policies that are issued and/or travel arrangements under an existing policy that are paid for after the following dates for travel to, from or within the following areas:</p> <p>5:00 pm (NZDT) on 22 January 2020 for Hubei province, China; 9:00 am (NZDT) on 2 February 2020 for mainland China; and 4:00 pm (NZDT) on 2 March 2020 for all other destinations outside New Zealand.</p> <p>Therefore, where a policy was issued and/or travel arrangements are paid for after the above dates, COVID-19 is considered a "foreseen circumstance" and as such claims for trip cancellation or disruption are</p>

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	unlikely to be covered by the policy. This should be considered prior to making any travel arrangements or purchasing a policy.
Accommodation at event and in transit (if applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers per room • Cooking facilities? • Laundry facilities • Location in proximity to event venue 	Unknown at this stage, details will be in each individual plan.
Testing requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a requirement for pre-departure testing? • What are the testing requirements on arrival? (e.g. rapid diagnostic testing, temperature or medical checks) <u>France entry details</u>	<p>New Zealand is currently considered a "Green Country" according to the French Government:</p> <p>If you are vaccinated: you are not subject to any health measures.</p> <p>If you are not vaccinated: upon boarding, each traveller aged 11 years or older must present a negative PCR or antigenic test taken less than 72 hours before the flight.</p> <p>Countries that are not on the list of safe countries are considered high-risk areas. Therefore, if someone is coming from any other country then there are additional requirements including negative test requirements and will need to self-isolate for 7 days. Countries on the "green" list: countries in the European space (European Union, Andorra, the Holy See, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland), and Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and the United States.</p>
COVID Information at Destination and transit locations	
Local COVID-19 epidemiology at both destination and transit locations https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus https://www.who.int/countries https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php <p>9</p>	<p>France</p> <p>Confirmed Cases – 5,757,798</p> <p>Deaths – 110,778</p> <p>Daily new cases – 1000-3500</p> <p>France has seen 2 significant spikes, which saw up to 83,000 cases per day in November. The second spike was less severe in early and has been slowly declining since.</p> <p>So far approximately 30 million vaccine doses have been administered.</p> <p>https://dashboard.covid19.data.gouv.fr/vue-d-ensemble?location=FRA</p>

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Daily New Cases in France



MIQ requirements at destination – Key point here is ‘which country are you coming from’ and entering which country

- Which country are they travelling from and entering which country
- Number of days?
- Impact on training or details of what will be available?
- Costs?

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Contract Tracing requirements	<p>Contact Tracing App - TousAntiCovid https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/tousanticovid</p>
Public gathering restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination	<p>Sport Up to 25 people may practice sports together outside. Competitions held outside may involve up to 50 amateurs for non-contact sports only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor and outdoor sports venues, such as stadiums and swimming pools may allow up to 65% of spectator capacity, up to 6,000 people. A health pass will be required for capacities over 1,000 people <p>Health Pass For public events bringing together over 1,000 people, spectators aged 11 and over will need to present a health pass. The pass must prove one of the three following items: That you are fully vaccinated (with an EMA-approved vaccine): Two weeks after the second shot for two-shot vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca); Four weeks after the shot for one-shot vaccines (Johnson & Johnson); Two weeks after the shot for vaccines administered to people who have already had COVID-19 (only one dose is necessary). OR that you have been tested (PCR or antigen) with a negative result within the last 48hrs; OR that you have recovered from COVID-19, attested by a positive PCR or antigen test result, at least 15 days and no more than 6 months old. Passes can be digital (on the TousAntiCovid app) or in paper form (proof of vaccination or test result). They must be presented in English or French. You will not need to present a health pass for acts of daily life (commuting, shopping, cinemas, etc.)</p>
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc	<p>Public transport is operating but masks are required</p>
Specific health support (including COVID-19 and emergency non-COVID-19 care) availability at destination.	<p>Although there are still active cases of COVID19 every day, the hospitals are not as stretched as they have been</p>

Information on current status of hospitals and health care facilities How will this be paid for? Insurance or other funding?	
Additional details that could impact this assessment?	<p>Vaccinations in NZ are now being rolled out with the potential for athletes to receive under the Governments national significant plan. See more here on Cycling New Zealand statement https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/assets/CNZ/COVID-19/Vaccine-National-Significance-Category-message.pdf</p> <p>None of the riders requesting entry meet this criteria.</p>
Event Details	
<p>Details from Events management plan for COVID 19 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is in place to keep athletes and support crew safe? • Is it deemed sufficient? • Does it follow UCI protocols? • Plans if someone presents with COVID at the event venue? 	<p>UCI have released protocols for the organisation of MTB events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include recommended protocols and mandatory protocols and also includes an appointment of a COVID-19 Coordinator.</p> <p>https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/2021.03.15-protocol-covid-comp-bmx-eng.pdf</p> <p>There would also likely be plans in place should someone present with symptoms at the event.</p>
<p>Event organisation COVID-19 restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	Unknown at this stage
<p>Are there medical supplies and PPE available at the destination?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Personal medical supplies • Sanitiser 	It is likely that these supplies would be readily available in France with the virus numbers dropping.
Testing Requirements	<p>A recent (within 48hrs/2 days) negative test result (PCR test, vaccinated twice or recovered) is mandatory for riders, national federation & UCI-Team staff, accredited media, UCI staff including commissaires, anti-doping, timing, announcer, and implementation. A negative test result dated no earlier than 48 hrs must be shown to be able to pick up an accreditation on spot</p>
Training facilities and plans	Unknown at this stage
Medical	
Athlete health prior to travel	The UCI do not have any requirements for pre-health checks prior to competing in an international event, aside from the COVID requirements as stipulated by the event. It is however recommended by Cycling NZ

	that all riders have a medical check from either a HPSNZ doctor or their local GP to identify any underlying medical conditions that could be additional risk if they were to contract COVID19 prior to leaving NZ.
What medical support will there be for general illness, incidents etc? Availability of medical supplies?	Unknown for event
Managing suspected cases abroad? What is the plan if someone within the travelling group presents with COVID19 symptoms? <i>If a team environment</i>	No applicable as not a team environment.
Daily health Checks – how will this be carried out?	Evidence of a Daily health checks for the 5 days prior to arriving will be required by the event. The checks that are required by Cycling New Zealand are likely to be suitable as evidence.

Assessment Notes/Recommendations

The key points:

- Event requirements – the event has distributed a COVID plan which is in line with UCI protocols and includes the following:
 - Pre-event negative test result prior to receiving accreditation.
 - Contact tracing form to be completed.
 - Face masks are required to be worn at all times at the event venue except for riders on the course.
 - Social distancing required of 1.5m
 - Bubble groups – bubbles are groups that can mix with each other but not with other bubbles
 - No team managers meeting – all distributed by communiqué
- Vaccinations – Sport NZ has fast tracked vaccinations for some athletes, mainly Olympic athletes. Although a vaccine does not guarantee that someone will not contract COVID-19, it does mean that if they do contract COVID19 the likelihood of dying or needing hospitalisation from the virus is significantly reduced. This is not compulsory but it is possible some of the riders may have received vaccinations
- All riders will be required to complete an *International Event Entry Application (IEEA)* prior to being entered into the event. This will be the riders safety plan for the event.
- As this will be the first event to allow entry a daily health monitoring and update form will be required to be completed by each rider. This will monitor health and also give feedback on the process which will allow for reviews and amendments for future events.

It is important to note:

- NZ government is still recommending not to travel. Leaving NZ carries increased risk.
- There will be no support personnel in Les Gets from Cycling NZ
- COVID19 is still an unknown virus and can escalate extremely quickly, this could result in difficulty in getting back home to NZ should there be an outbreak and also treatment at a hospital could be impacted for not only COVID19 related symptoms but other injuries.
- If an athlete contracts COVID19 they will be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days, which is a financial risk as well as impacting training significantly for future events.

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RECOMMENDATION TO CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Given the above it is recommended that Cycling New Zealand allow entry into the MTB World Cup event with the following requirements/restrictions:

- Each rider produces a safety plan around their travel – minimum requirement will be completing the CNZ International Event Entry Application (IEEA) to a sufficient standard and this being approved by CNZ. This will also require the rider to continue to review this should there be any changes or developments prior to departure.
- By entering the athlete into the event, they agree to abide by all UCI and LOC Event Bubble rules.
- Riders acknowledge that there is still a significant risk in travelling internationally and this is against government recommendations. There is risk of contracting COVID19 which could have long term health implications and also carries significant financial risk which the individual will need to meet personally.
- The athlete will be required to attend a COVID H&S session and risk identification workshop – where risks of travel are discussed and how to complete their IEEA application form, it will also be a chance for any questions they might have.
- The athletes sign an Informed Consent Form that highlights H&S and financial risks regarding travel

This recommendation is subject to being reviewed/withdrawn, at any point in time, should any of the factors surrounding the event change between now and departure, resulting in CNZ changing their approval for race entry.

Recommendation approved by: Shanelle Barrett

Signature: 

Date: 23/06/2021

FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Recommendation above APPROVED / DECLINED

Name: JACQUES LANDRY

Signature: 

Date: 23.06.2021

Resources

<https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/2020.08.21-protocol-return-comp-mtb-eng.pdf>

<https://www.worldcuplesgets.com/>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/>

<https://safetravel.govt.nz/news/advice-new-zealanders-overseas-0>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3615/guidelines-for-international-travel-for-new-zealand-nsos-16-december-final.pdf>

<https://hpsnz.org.nz/covid-19/>

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/travel-to-new-zealand/plan-your-travel-to-nz/pre-departure-testing/>

<https://www.staralliance.com/en/country-info>

<https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus>

<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination>

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>

NZ Ministry of Health COVID-19 - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

NZ Government COVID-19 - <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Sport New Zealand Covid-19 Information - <https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/overview/>

<https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>

Complete these four steps if you are travelling to New Zealand

STEP ONE

Create an individual or family registration

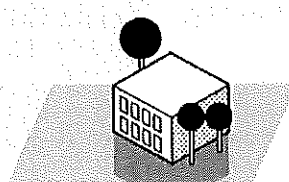
Enter passenger details. For family registrations, enter the details of everyone in your group who is travelling to New Zealand with you.



STEP TWO

Hold your accommodation

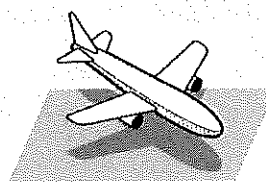
Select your preferred arrival date in New Zealand. A 14-day stay in managed isolation will be held for 48 hours while you organise your flights.



STEP THREE

Confirm your arrival details

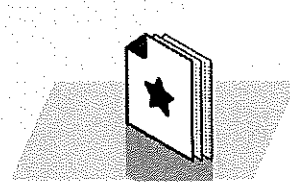
Book your flights then return here to enter your flight details to New Zealand. Your allocation in managed isolation will be confirmed.



STEP FOUR

Print or download your Voucher

You will need to present your Managed Isolation Allocation Voucher at the airport to board your flight to New Zealand.



Additional for this assessment:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19-response/advice-guidance-and-resources/international-travel-exemption-form/>

<https://sportnz.org.nz/media/3673/international-travel-update-28-01.pdf>