

International Travel Assessment Form

2021 Track World Championships

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Event Name	2021 Track World Championships
Date of Event	20-24 October 2021
Location of Event including Country	Roubaix, France
Event Website	https://www.uci.org/news/2021/2020-uci-track-cycling-world-championships-presented-by-tissot---official-documents
Names of athletes, support staff travelling	
Travel itinerary Include any stopovers	Will vary depending on where riders are coming from and will be included in each individuals plan
Current NZ COVID Alert Level and NZ government travel recommendations	<p>NZ is at alert level 4 – for an unknown period of time</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>The current travel bubble with Australia is on hold.</p>
<p>Return to New Zealand requirements and costs and who will be funding?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIQ voucher - https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/ • Pre-departure testing requirements • Who will cover the costs? • Training options in room? • https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/ • internationaltravel@sportnz.org.nz • https://covid19.govt.nz/travel-and-the-border/travel-to-new-zealand/pre-departure-testing-for-arrivals-into-new-zealand/what-to-do-before-you-travel-pre-departure-testing/ • 	<p>All travellers to New Zealand (excluding those from Antarctica and most Pacific Islands) must show evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of departure.</p> <p>MIQ charges are still \$3100 per person.</p> <p>All travellers entering NZ are also required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a managed isolation voucher, secured via the new allocation system. If you do not hold a voucher, you will be refused boarding. • go into ‘managed isolation’ in a government-provided facility (hotel), or • if you have COVID-19 symptoms, go into a quarantine facility (separate hotel). • You will need to stay there for at least 14 days. This will prevent any further unmanaged COVID-19 infection coming into New Zealand. You can’t self-isolate at home or take a domestic flight before the 14-day period is completed.

- Provide a pre-departure test – within 72 hours of departure – A positive test result means you may not be able to travel. If you test positive, you may not be able to board your flight. You should postpone your travel and follow local public health advice. If you choose to travel at a later date when you have recovered, you will be required to get a medical certificate within 72 hours from the time of departure that confirms that you had a positive COVID-19 test but have now recovered.

There are very limited MIQ spots available.

As at 19 August – <https://allocation.miq.govt.nz/portal/>



**Significance/Importance of this travel?
Olympic Qualifications etc.?**

- The World Championships (outside the Olympic Games) is the pinnacle event for the year.
- It is also the first event in the qualification cycle for the 2024 Olympic Games
- Participation in the World Championships is dependent on meeting certain pre-requisites. We have not met these pre-requisites, but have asked UCI for a dispensation.
- UCI Rule 3.4.004 requires participation in at least one round of the Nations Cup – “The participation in each competition of the Nations Cup determines the eligibility of the national federations to the corresponding event of the World Championships according to article 9.2.027bis.”
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- Notwithstanding articles 9.2.025, 9.2.026 and 9.2.027, a nation will only be allowed to enter a rider in a specific event of the Elite World Championships if the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - where applicable, the nation must have participated in this specific event in at least one leg of the Nations’ Cup of this season. This only applies when the specific events are scheduled at each leg of the Nations’ Cup.
 - where applicable, the nation must have participated in this specific event in the

	<p>most recent Elite Continental Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the nation must have participated in the most recent Junior Track World Championships (not event specific). - a rider must have earned, for the specific individual event and for Madison, at least 250 points in the respective UCI Track Ranking used for the establishment of qualification quota as per 9.2.023. This does not apply to riders entering Individual Pursuit and Kilometre/500m Time Trial. The track commission may grant dispensation of one or several of these requirements for exceptional circumstances. The dispensation must be requested within three days following the end of the competition in question
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Travel Information and Insurance

<p>In-flight requirements of airline and/or government (e.g., face masks, physical distancing, sanitation etc.)</p>	<p><u>Air NZ</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> <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>Other airlines will need to be reviewed depending on airlines available to travel to France. 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. What will this cover? e.g., if there is an outbreak and local quarantine is required, hospitalization, intensive care support and potential relocation? COVID infection risk after travel with COVID positive person(s) and therefore</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>required to isolate with no training options</p>	<p>Insurance Policies need to be carefully reviewed. There are various policies that are covering some aspects of COVID and some that are not.</p> <p>An extract from Air NZ Insurance as an example: Air New Zealand travel insurance includes medical expenses related to COVID-19. Buy a travel insurance policy that can cover you for COVID-19. With unlimited medical expenses and included on-trip additional expenses cover, you can travel with peace of mind.</p> <p>All international single trip travel insurance policies receive the additional benefits listed below relating to specified COVID-19 related events. There are further exclusive benefits when travelling in New Zealand and to Australia.</p> <p>It is important to note that COVID-19 cover in the policy does not apply in the event that any government calls for border closures.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancelling your trip if you have COVID-19 • Emergency medical expenses • Repatriation to help you get back home • Cover if you're denied boarding with a positive test for COVID-19 • Your travelling companion(s) or people you live with being diagnosed with COVID-19 <p>When travelling to Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily benefit if you are ordered to self-isolate in your holiday accommodation if you have COVID-19 • The people you're staying with on holiday being diagnosed with COVID-19 <p>https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/travel-insurance-covid19-cover</p>
<p>Accommodation at event and in transit (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers per room • Cooking facilities? • Laundry facilities • Location in proximity to event venue 	<p>Unknown at this stage until plans are completed by individuals</p>
<p>Testing requirements</p> <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) 	<p>https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/</p> <p>If you are vaccinated If you are vaccinated, you can travel to France with no restrictions linked to health conditions.</p>

The measures applicable to vaccinated adults also apply to any minors accompanying them, whether they are vaccinated or not. You can therefore travel with your underage children, whether they are vaccinated or not, and they will not need to self-isolate. Unvaccinated children aged 12 and over will need to present a negative test result as described below.

Travel documents if you are vaccinated:

- proof of vaccination. It will only be valid if it proves that you are fully vaccinated, i.e.:
- Seven days after the second shot for two-shot vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca (Vaxevria and Covishield));
- Four weeks after the shot for one-shot vaccines (Johnson & Johnson);
- Seven days after the shot for vaccines administered to people who have already had COVID-19 (only one dose is necessary).
- Only vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) (Pfizer (Comirnaty), Moderna, AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen)), or AstraZeneca (Covishield) will be accepted.

If you are not vaccinated

A list of countries of departure has been drawn up on the basis of the health indicators. The lists of countries can be altered based on changes in the epidemic situation.

Specific rules apply to road hauliers (in French and English).

If you are not vaccinated and you arrive from a “green” country

Countries/territories on the “green” list: countries in the European space (European Union, Andorra, the Holy See, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland), and Albania, Australia, Bahrain, Bosnia, Brunei, Canada, Comoros Islands, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, the United States and Vanuatu.

Upon boarding, each traveller aged 12 and over must present a negative PCR or antigenic test taken less than 72 hours before the flight. . If you are travelling from Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Spain, the Netherlands or Portugal, your test must be taken less than 24 hours before the flight.

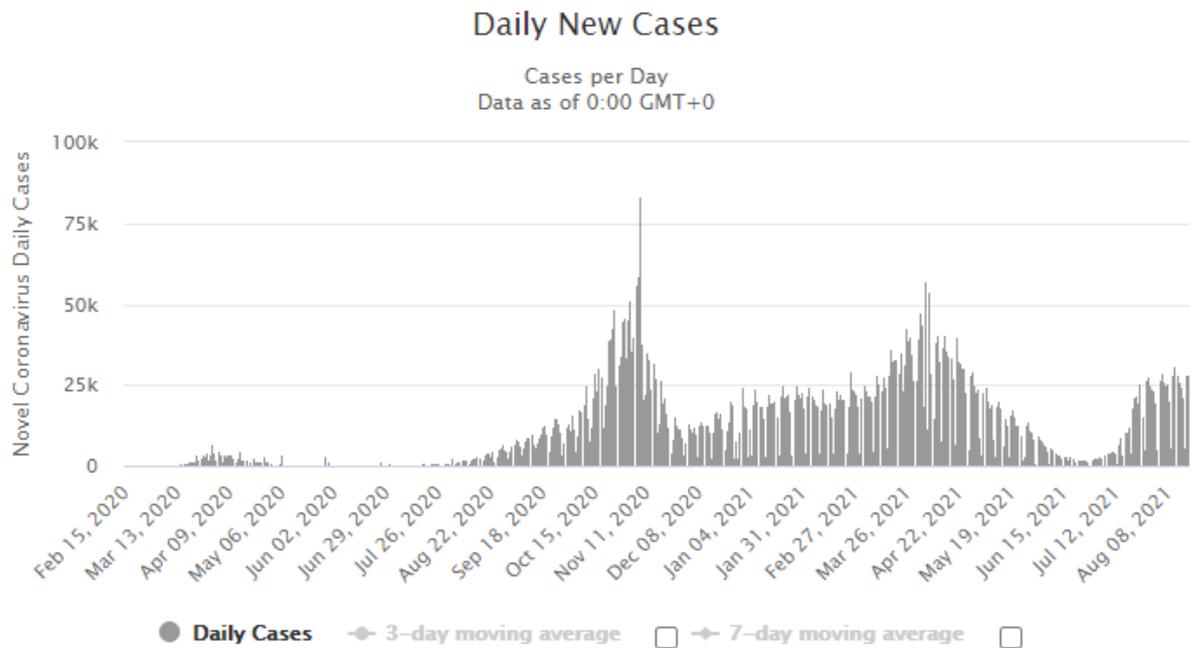
If you have previously contracted COVID-19, instead of a negative test result you may present a certificate of recovery dated more than 11 days and less than 6

months prior to the date of arrival. A certificate of recovery is a document issued to persons who have contracted COVID-19, upon presentation of a positive RT-PCR or antigenic test.

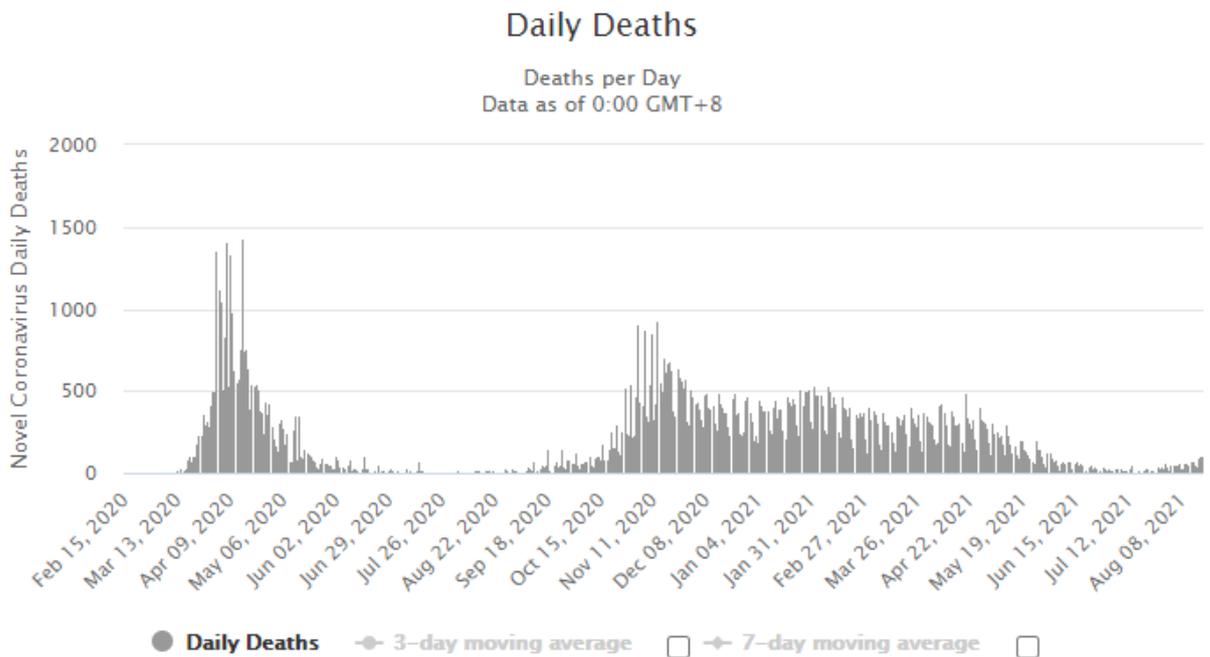
Additional requirements for other countries can be found at the link above

COVID Information at Destination and transit locations	
<p>Local COVID-19 epidemiology at both destination and transit locations</p> <p>https://ourworldindata.org/policy-responses-covid#international-travel-controls</p> <p>https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus</p> <p>https://www.who.int/countries</p> <p>https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories-destination</p>	<p>France</p> <p>Confirmed Cases – 6,533,383</p> <p>Deaths – 112,976</p> <p>Daily new cases – 5000-30,000</p> <p>There is a current spike in cases in France however the death rate has not increased to the same extent and is likely due to the vaccination program</p>

Daily New Cases in France



Daily New Deaths in France



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

MIQ requirements are based on the location of origin full list and requirements can be found here:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which country are they travelling from and entering which country • Number of days? • Impact on training or details of what will be available? • Costs? 	<p>https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/</p> <p>There are no requirement to self-isolate or to quarantine unless you arrive from an orange country or a red country</p>
<p>Contract Tracing requirements</p>	<p>https://bonjour.tousanticovid.gouv.fr/index-en.html - available in English</p>
<p>Public gathering restrictions and stay-at-home requirements at the destination</p>	<p>https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19</p> <p>You must present a health pass to access leisure and culture venues and events bringing together more than 50 people.</p> <p>From early August, you will also need to present a pass in bars, restaurants, malls, hospitals (except if you are admitted for urgent care), retirement homes, residential care homes, and for long-distance travel by plane, train or coach. For campsites, and other holiday accommodation you will need to present a pass once, on arrival.</p> <p>This list may be extended as necessary.</p> <p>The health pass is not required for children under 12. It will be required from 30 August for young people aged 12 to 17, and for the staff of public venues.</p> <p>The pass must prove one of the three following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That you are fully vaccinated (with an EMA-approved vaccine or similar): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seven days after the second shot for two-shot vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca); ○ Four weeks after the shot for one-shot vaccines (Johnson & Johnson); ○ Seven days 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. <p>Passes can be digital (on the TousAntiCovid app) or in paper form (proof of vaccination or test result). They include a QR code that will be scanned on entry into the venue or event.</p> <p>The French health pass is interoperable with the EU Digital COVID Certificate scheme for travel within the</p>

	European Union, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the Vatican.
Internal movement restrictions at destination and transit locations. Public transport etc.	<p>There are no restrictions on travel inside France. From early August, you will need a health pass for long-distance trips by plane, train and coach.</p> <p>The rules for travel to and from France depend on the country from which or to which you wish to travel, the reason for which you are travelling and your vaccination status.</p>
Specific health support (including COVID-19 and emergency non-COVID-19 care) availability at destination. Information on current status of hospitals and health care facilities How will this be paid for? Insurance or other funding?	Hospitalisations are growing in numbers and the hospital systems are becoming overwhelmed again with the increase in number of daily cases
Additional details that could impact this assessment?	
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><u>UCI Requirements</u></p>	<p>UCI have released protocol for the organisation of Track Events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include recommended protocols and mandatory protocols.</p> <p>There is currently no information from the LOC regarding COVID protocols</p> <p>https://www.uci.org/docs/default-source/medical/track-covid-protocolreturncomp-eng.pdf</p> <p>A full detailed plan from the LOC is not yet available, however confirmation has been received from Xavier Bigard (UCI Medical Director) that he is monitoring and reviewing all UCI sanctioned events to ensure that they are meeting the COVID requirements. This gives a level of confidence that the event will meet the requirements of the UCI and also the government.</p>

From: Bigard Xavier - UCI <Xavier.Bigard@uci.ch>
Sent: Thursday, 22 July 2021 8:35 PM
To: Shanelle Barrett <Shanelle@sbevents.nz>
Subject: RE: COVID Protocols and plans

Dear Shanelle,

To answer your comment..., yes of course, we regularly check the countermeasures put in place by the organisers, we organise videoconferences to deal with logistic issues, we check that Covid tests are carried out before each race.... we have not only drawn up protocols, we also verify that they are applied, and we have a range of fines in the event that the Covid countermeasures are not applied.

Best regards
 Xavier

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Event organisation COVID-19 restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing • Gathering numbers • PPE 	Unknown at this stage
Are there medical supplies and PPE available at the destination? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks • Personal medical supplies • Sanitiser 	Available but could be stretched with the growing numbers of daily cases
Testing Requirements at event	Unknown at this stage however the UCI do recommend that COVID testing and health checks are carried out by riders prior to arriving onsite.
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 at this stage for event
Daily health Checks – how will this be carried out?	Daily health checks are likely to be required by the event and these could be carried out online through Cycling NZ.
Assessment Notes/Recommendations	

Key Points:

- France is experiencing the 4th wave of increased case numbers with 5000 to 30,000 cases per day.

- Hospitals are increasingly coming under pressure, but not to the same extent as per the previous waves.
- The track event is an indoor event and as evidence suggests this means a higher chance of infection especially with the Delta variant
- NZ is currently going through a heightened alert level with regards to COVID. This could impact travel to and from NZ but these will not be known for several days.
- MIQ is becoming increasingly hard to obtain
- Vaccines are starting to show that the severity of COVID if caught is a lot less than without the vaccine.
- If riders compete at this event, it is possible they would be part of a managed CNZ team (this has historically been the case) which would see the management of accommodation, travel, transport etc. This will allow for CNZ to have more oversight into the management of the plan onsite.

It is important to note:

- NZ government is still recommending not to travel. Leaving NZ carries increased risk.
- 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 a rider 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

RECOMMENDATION TO CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

As at 20 August it is recommended that Cycling New Zealand allow entries for the Track World Champs to be held in France with the following recommendations:

- It is highly recommended that riders have full vaccination prior to travel to France. This will not protect from COVID but evidence suggests the severity of the symptoms will be less.
- Riders acknowledge, if they are not already overseas, that their travel and entry to the event could be impacted by the current lockdown levels in NZ.
- 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.
- Riders must update their plan once LOC requirements are received.
- By selecting the athlete and once entered into the event, they agree to abide by all UCI and LOC Event Bubble rules.

Name: Shanelle Barrett

Signature: 

Date 20 August 2021

FINAL DECISION BY CYCLING NEW ZEALAND

Recommendation above **APPROVED** DECLINED

Name: Jacques Landry

Signature:

Date: 21 August, 2021

Resources

<https://www.uci.org/news/2021/2020-uci-track-cycling-world-championships-presented-by-tissot---official-documents>

<https://www.uci.org/news/2020/covid-19-pandemic-how-to-return-to-cycling-events>

<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>