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COVID-19 UPDATE

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MBIE Visa Update

Announcement earlier today issued by Thea Wallace:

The government has announced that it has issued an Epidemic Management Notice. Under the Notice, visas for all temporary migrants currently in New Zealand that are due to expire between 1 April and 9 July 2020 will be extended until late September 2020. Officials at the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment are also providing advice to the Minister of Immigration on a range of other temporary work visa policy matters, that have arisen in light of the COVID-19 situation.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/coronavirus-update-inz-response>

We have also sourced some resources which have been translated in Tongan,

Samoan and Bislama for you to use - these can be downloaded [here](#)

FAQ Sheet

New Zealand Apples & Pears staff have compiled a "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) sheet. This covers all aspects of the COVID-19 situation we are currently in, and we hope that it will answer some of the questions you haven't quite got round to asking. This will be a living document and we will add any extra information to this as more questions come to light (so if you have any questions, please contact any member of the team, as someone else may have the same question, but just not got round to asking it).

[Click here for FAQ](#)

Protocol for COVID-19 - a template for businesses

This document has been created by New Zealand Apples and Pears and is provided as a basic template that can be adapted by your business as a protocol for COVID-19. Please edit to suit your individual business needs.

[Click here for Protocol for COVID-19 – A template for businesses](#)

Essential Services for Horticulture

The table below is the current list of essential services for Horticulture, this will be updated as changes are made on the NZAPI Website.

Category	Essential services to support horticultural production and market access
Food safety, assurances, and verification	Independent Verification Authorities, certification bodies
Food safety, assurances, and verification	MPI Accredited Organisations
Growing/production	Growing
Growing/production	Seed producers (growers, importers) and suppliers
Growing/production	Nurseries
Growing/production	Agonomists/crop scouts/pest monitoring

Growing/production	Plant producers
Packaging and storage	Packing and packhouses
Packaging and storage	Packaging companies including cartons, boxes, trays, pallets, bins, and crate suppliers
Packaging and storage	Storage including cool stores
Transport	Shipping to domestic and international markets
Transport	Ports
Transport	Trucking companies
Transport	Sales and Logistics
Relevant support services	Finance and payments
Relevant support services	Laboratories
Relevant support services	Weather monitoring and forecasting
Relevant support services	Electrical engineers and electricians
Relevant support services	Refrigeration engineers
Relevant support services	Boiler maintenance
Relevant support services	IT support and computer technicians
Relevant support services	Bio-Gro (organics certification body)
Relevant support services	Refrigeration engineers
Relevant support services	Post Harvest facilities
Relevant support services	Tree orchard pruning
Relevant support services	Labour supply contractors
Relevant support services	Waste collection
Relevant support services	Label manufacturers
Relevant support services	Mechanics
Relevant support services	Tyre providers
Relevant support services	Coal mines and suppliers
Relevant support services	Delivery of bees for pollination
Relevant support services	Portaloo services
Relevant support services	Fuel deliveries
Relevant support services	Onsite cleaning services
Relevant support services	Irrigation repair services
Relevant support services	Post-harvest treatment providers
Relevant support services (biosecurity)	Agrichemical and fertiliser companies supplying products and services
Relevant support services (biosecurity)	Fumigators and fumigation facilities
Relevant support services (biosecurity)	Chemical manufacturers and importers
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[Click here for PDF of List of Essential Services for Horticulture](#)

Update to Essential Business Guidance Document

New Zealand Apples & Pears staff have completed updates on the guidance document released yesterday, an updated copy is below and will also be updated on the website.

[Click here for the Essential Business Guidance Document](#)

Website Updates

We have cleaned up the NZAPI COVID-19 Webpages, and hope that the information will be a little easier to find now, below are links to the various pages (all of the pages are accessible from the Apples & Pears drop down menu, and from the COVID-19 main page).

This webpages are updated as soon as we have additional information, and we will advise of any changes/ additions in each Daily Update.

[Main page](#)

[Guidelines on Registering to be an Essential Business](#)

[Links, Resources and Reference Materials](#)

[Copies of all NZAPI COVID-19 Updates issued](#)

Additions/ Changes to the Website:

- Resources from MoH/ Vanuatu Government "Protect Yourself" translated into Tongan, Samoan and Bislama
 - Protocol for COVID-19 - a template for business
 - FAQ's
 - Guidance for essential business registration
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