



# Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2021

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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

**1 Title**

This Act is the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2021.

**2 Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

**3 Principal Act**

This Act amends the Immigration Act 2009 (the **principal Act**).

**Part 1**  
**Temporary powers relating to visas**

**4 Section 50 amended (Conditions on resident visas)**

In section 50(4E), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**5 Section 52 amended (Conditions on temporary entry class visas (other than those subject to restricted temporary entry instructions))**

In section 52(4E), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**6 Section 53 amended (Conditions on temporary entry class visas subject to restricted temporary entry instructions)**

In section 53(4E), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**7 Section 57 amended (Applications for visas)**

In section 57(7), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**8 Section 61A amended (Grant of visas by special direction)**

In section 61A(7), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**9 Section 78 amended (Deemed extension of temporary entry class visa expiring during epidemic)**

In section 78(2B), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**10 Section 78A amended (Extension of temporary entry class visa by special direction)**

In section 78A(7), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**11 Section 86 amended (Who must obtain transit visa)**

In section 86(4C), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**12 Section 113A amended (Revocation of deemed entry permission)**

In section 113A(8), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**13 Section 378 amended (Special directions)**

In section 378(2A), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**14 Section 380 amended (Delegation of Minister’s powers)**

In section 380(1A), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**15 Section 401A amended (Regulations relating to suspending ability to make applications for visas and expressions of interest)**

- (1) In section 401A(5), replace “3” with “6”.
- (2) In section 401A(6), replace “3” with “6”.
- (3) In section 401A(8), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**16 Section 401B amended (Provisions relating to regulations made for purposes of section 401A)**

In section 401B(4), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**Part 2****Modifications of principal Act in connection with temporary powers****17 Section 403B amended (Modifications of Act relating to COVID-19 outbreak)**

In section 403B(2), replace “immediately after the expiry of the 12-month period that starts on the date on which the Immigration (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Act 2020 comes into force” with “at the close of 15 May 2023”.

**Legislative history**

1 April 2021	Introduction (Bill 24–1)
8 April 2021	First reading and referral to Education and Workforce Committee
28 April 2021	Reported from Education and Workforce Committee
4 May 2021	Second reading
5 May 2021	Committee of the whole House
6 May 2021	Third reading
10 May 2021	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment.