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CHANGES IN THE APPROVAL OF TRAVELS AND QUARANTINE REQUEST FOR TRAVELERS

The Ministry of Health and Social Services is hereby informing members of the public and travelers that since the Minister for Immigration, has granted permission for specified categories of travelers to enter into Namibia as per Regulation 8, no further approval for entry into Namibia is required from the Ministry of Health and Social Services. However, quarantine and other requirements still apply to specified categories of travelers as follows:

- ALL travelers (including tourists, business travelers and all Namibians and Permit Holders) who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result, that is not older than 72 hours, will be permitted to proceed to their final destination in the country. The requirement for the mandatory five (5) day retest has been withdrawn.
- All travelers who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result that is older than 72 hours, but not older than 7 days, will be permitted to enter the country. However, they will be required to undergo 7-days supervised quarantine at home or tourism facility. In the event that these environments do not fulfil quarantine requirements, the travelers will be placed under mandatory quarantine at Government approved facilities at own cost.
- Non-Namibians, who do not present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, will not be granted entry into the country. Returning Namibian citizens or Permit Holders may enter the country with or without a COVID-19 PCR test result.
- In the event such persons present a positive test result or no result at all, they will be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing or isolation, after arrival. This provision shall also apply to aircraft and marine vessel crewmembers; humanitarian aid workers, essential service providers, as well as operators and drivers of cross-border transport vehicles who arrive in the country without the requisite test.

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To speed up the process and avoid overcrowding at the borders, a risk factor for COVID-19 transmission, the Chief Health Officer has authorized all Regional Directors to approve quarantine requests for all persons permitted entry into Namibia who are entering through Ports of Entry in the respective regions, in line with the provisions and requirements of the regulations.

All quarantine application forms are on the Ministry's website <https://mhss.gov.na/>. Completed form and supporting documents must be submitted to the Regional Directors of the respective region where the traveler intent to be quarantined, as follows:

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The following persons can be approved for **State-funded quarantine at facility as per Regulation 9 (4)**, subject to prior approval;

Namibian citizens who are:

- a) Students enrolled for and undertaking a course of study at a school or an educational institution in Namibia or in a foreign country, on entering or leaving Namibia;
- b) State patients, on entering or leaving Namibia;
- c) Health professionals employed by the State and on official duty, on entering or leaving Namibia;
- d) Persons entering Namibia to provide humanitarian assistance;
- e) Persons entering Namibia on official government business

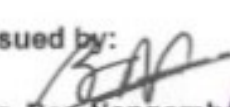
Namibian Citizens who are unable to pay for the cost of quarantine as required by the regulations may request for assistance from the State, as per **Regulation 9 (5)**.

Applications for state funded quarantine are also available on the Ministry's website. Completed forms should be submitted to the respective regional directors.

All general enquiries related to entry and quarantine requirements must be emailed to health.travelapproval@mhss.gov.na, or call 061 203 2068.

COVID- 19 preventative measures should be adhered to all the time!

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