

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 70(1)(m) ORDER

On 24 March 2020, the Prime Minister, with agreement of the Minister of Health, issued an epidemic notice under s 5 of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006.

The epidemic notice allows the use of special powers by the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with s 70 of the Health Act 1956 for the purpose of preventing the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.

A state of national emergency was declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, with effect from 12:21pm 25 March 2020. It has been extended three times (on 1 April 2020, 8 April 2020 and 15 April 2020).

On 25 March 2020, I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, Director-General of Health, acting as medical officer of health for all districts of New Zealand (that is, nationally), with the authority of the Minister of Health and/or in circumstances where a state of emergency has been declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and/or there being an epidemic notice in force, made an order pursuant to s 70(1)(m) of the Health Act 1956 (the 25 March Order).

I now make an amendment to the 25 March Order to add an exemption in accordance with s 70(1B) of the Health Act 1956, as follows:

Exemption for necessary work in premises

3. The closures of premises in clause (1) does not prevent a person from accessing any premises to which this Order relates for the purposes of carrying out necessary work between 11.59pm on 20 April 2020 and 11.59pm on 27 April 2020.

In this Order, "necessary work" includes work required to prepare the premises for opening (and meet public health guidance) from 11.59 pm on 27 April 2020 as well as minimum basic operations required to maintain the condition or value of, or clean, the premises, plant, equipment, or goods, care for animals, acquire additional stock and to enable workers to be able to continue to work remotely from their homes.

Period of this Order

This order has effect from 1800 hours on 21 April 2020 and expires at 11.59pm on 27 April 2020 (unless earlier revoked).

Dated 21 April 2020



Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Director-General of Health