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Reconnecting New Zealand announcement

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Today, the Government announced a 5 step plan for travellers to enter New Zealand without going into managed isolation and quarantine.

Head of MIQ Chris Bunny said, "There is still more to do in the upcoming months, and we thank our workers for their ongoing support to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in New Zealand."

Step 1 is to open the border to fully vaccinated eligible travellers travelling to New Zealand from Australia and undertaking self-isolation from 27 February 2022.

Vaccinated New Zealand citizens and residents from the rest of the world will be able to travel to New Zealand and self-isolate upon arrival from mid-March 2022.

MIQ will continue to have an ongoing and important role in the COVID-19 response. As New Zealand's COVID-19 response is moving to a new phase, MIQ will continue to be a part of our COVID-19 defence with funding approved through to June 2023.

MIQ has been operating since April 2020 and has helped over 220,000 travellers to return to New Zealand and supported more than 3,600 community cases during the Delta outbreak.

MIQ workers have been working tirelessly at the frontline protecting New Zealand from COVID-19 and supporting New Zealanders coming home. MIQ has always operated in a rapidly changing environment and the scaling down of MIQ capacity will be the next stage of our evolution.

More information

[Reconnecting New Zealanders to the World](https://covid19.govt.nz/international-travel/reconnecting-new-zealand-to-the-world/) — Unite against COVID-19

<https://www.miq.govt.nz/about/news/reconnecting-new-zealand-announcement/>
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