

12 May 2020

**CIRCULAR NO.30/2020**

TO : ALL MEMBERS

**STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBERS 30, 31, 32 & 33.**

Attached for your information and update are Emergency Orders as issued by the Emergency Controller and Commissioner of Police David Manning.

- Emergency Order No.30 - Private COVID-19 Testing Restrictions.
- Emergency Order No.31 – Customs Exemptions.
- Emergency Order No.32 – Approved COVID-19 Test.
- Emergency Order No.33 – Approved Persons and Organizations to Conduct COVID-19 Test.

The Federation will continue to update members on essential information as it becomes available.

Yours Sincerely

  
**Florence Willie**  
Executive Director



## National Emergency Order No.30

### PRIVATE COVID-19 TESTING RESTRICTIONS

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act), hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. No COVID-19 test results shall be released by any person or organisation without the express written authorisation of the Emergency Controller.
2. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of COVID-19 test must provide all tests results to the Emergency Controller or his delegate within 24 hours of the result being known.
3. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
4. This Emergency Order comes into effect immediately and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.



**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
Emergency Controller

DATE: 1/5/20



## National Emergency Order No.31

### CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020*, and other Emergency Laws, hereby issue the following Emergency Order:

1. All incoming medical supplies procured on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea to enable testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19, are hereby exempted from all customs duties and other import duties for the duration of the National Emergency.
2. The medical supplies referred to in paragraph 1 are exempted from the provisions under the relevant tax legislation to the extent necessary to give effect to this Emergency Order.
3. All medical supplies shall be given priority and released without delay.
4. This Emergency Order shall take effect immediately.



**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**

DATE: 1/5/20



## National Emergency Order No.32

### APPROVED COVID-19 TEST

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act), hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 1; or
  - b. as authorised by the Emergency Controller.
  
2. This Emergency Order comes into effect immediately and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.



  
**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**

DATE: 1/5/20



## **National Emergency Order No.32**

### **APPROVED COVID-19 TEST**

#### **Schedule 1 – COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment**

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction
- Gene Xpert
- Rapid Diagnostic Test





## **National Emergency Order No.33**

### **APPROVED PERSONS AND ORGANISATIONS TO CONDUCT COVID-19 TEST**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act), hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. No person or organisation may conduct COVID-19 testing in Papua New Guinea, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 1; or
  - b. as authorised in writing by the Emergency Controller.
2. This Emergency Order comes into effect immediately and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.
3. Non-compliance with this Order shall be punishable in accordance with the Act.

  
**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**



**DATE:** 6/5/20



## **National Emergency Order No.33**

### **APPROVED PERSONS AND ORGANISATIONS TO CONDUCT COVID-19 TEST**

#### **Schedule 1 – COVID-19 Authorised Organisations**

- National Department of Health.
- Institute of Medical Research Papua New Guinea.
- Provincial Health Authorities.
- Port Moresby General Hospital.