

GOVERNMENT OF FIJI GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1935

Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 83 of the Public Health Act 1935, I hereby make these Regulations—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the date of publication in the Gazette, except for regulation 4 which is deemed to have come into force on 23 July 2020.

(3) In these Regulations, the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2020 is referred to as the “Principal Regulations”.

Regulation 3 amended

2. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 3 and substituting the following—

“Fees

3.—(1) The fees charged in relation to Part 7 of the Act, except the accommodation fees for persons quarantined or isolated in designated centres, hospitals, camps or stations, are specified in the Schedule.

(2) Any person quarantined or isolated in a designated centre, hospital, camp or station, following entry into Fiji must pay the cost of accommodation to the designated centre, hospital, camp or station.

(3) In this regulation, the cost of accommodation includes any related costs of the designated centre, hospital, camp or station.”.

Regulation 4 inserted

3. The Principal Regulations are amended after regulation 3 by inserting the following new regulation—

“Exemptions

4.—(1) Any person who is a citizen of Fiji and is ordinarily resident in Fiji is exempt from paying any fees under these Regulations on entry into Fiji if—

- (a) the person travelled outside of Fiji before 28 March 2020;
- (b) the person is a patient that was referred for medical treatment outside of Fiji by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services; or
- (c) the person is endorsed by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to accompany the patient under paragraph (b).

(2) Any person who is a citizen of Fiji is exempt from paying any fees under these Regulations on entry into Fiji if—

- (a) the person is a student studying outside of Fiji on a Government scholarship or Government endorsed scholarship, returning to Fiji on the completion of the student’s studies;
- (b) the person and the student under paragraph (a) are financially dependent on each other or the person is an immediate family member of the student returning to Fiji with the student on the completion of the student’s studies; or
- (c) the person is employed under a government to government arrangement that the Fiji Government is a party to.”.

Regulation 5 inserted

4. The Principal Regulations are amended after regulation 4 by inserting the following new regulation—

“Waiver of fees

5. The Permanent Secretary may, on application, waive or refund the whole or any part of a fee under these Regulations subject to the conditions he or she considers necessary.”.

Schedule amended

5. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting the Schedule and substituting the following—

“SCHEDULE
(Regulation 3)

FEES

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Activity	Fee (VEP)
Swab test	\$275.23
Quarantine in a Government designated centre, hospital, camp or station	\$550.46-\$13,761.47
Quarantine or isolation in a designated centre, camp or station that is not a Government designated centre, camp or station	\$550.46-\$13,761.47

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Made this 5th day of March 2021.

I. WAQAINABETE
Minister for Health and Medical Services