



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2021-0155

I refer to your official information request which was transferred to Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 5 November 2021 where you asked:

"I request all information relating to mandated vaccination for New Zealand public servants under the Official Information Act."

Information publicly available

As announced by the COVID-19 Response Minister, Hon Chris Hipkins, the Government has mandated that work in specific sectors or business types is done by vaccinated people.

Information relating to COVID-19 vaccination mandates is outlined in the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021 (the Order), which is administered by the Ministry of Health (MOH), not Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission. However, as your request has already been transferred to us from another agency, we thought it would be helpful to provide you with the links to the publicly available information and advise you of the appropriate agency to contact, should you require any further information.

Currently there are mandates for Border and managed isolation and quarantine workers, health and disability workers, prison workers and education sector workers. Information outlining the mandates for each of these sectors can be found on the Unite against COVID-19 website at the following links:

- [Border and managed isolation and quarantine workers](#)
- [Health and disability workers](#)
- [Prison workers](#)
- [Education sector workers](#)

Further information regarding COVID-19 mandatory vaccinations, as well as the Orders, are publicly available on the MOH website, outlined in the table below.

Item	Document Description	Website Address
1	COVID 19: Mandatory vaccinations	https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-mandatory-vaccinations
2	COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021	https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2021/0094/l/atest/LMS487853.html
3	COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order 2021	https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2021/0182/l/atest/whole.html#LMS519342
4	COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order (No 3) 2021	https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2021/0325/l/atest/LMS579320.html#LMS579388

We are therefore refusing your request for information under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 on the grounds that the information requested is publicly available.

Following the Government's adoption of the COVID-19 Protection Framework, the Commission has issued updated workforce guidance. The guidance provides for a consistent approach to implementing vaccination mandates, health and safety assessments in accordance with legislation, and evidential requirements and processes for requiring vaccination across Public Service agencies, while supporting the expectation that all public servants who can be vaccinated are vaccinated.

Further information, which you may also find helpful, is the earlier COVID-19 workforce vaccination guidance and the Public Service Commissioner's open letter to public servants regarding vaccination, in which the Commissioner outlines his expectation that all public servants who could get vaccinated, would get vaccinated.

This information is publicly available on our website and can be found outlined in the table below:

Item	Document Description	Website Address
5	Public Service workforce guidance for the COVID-19 Protection Framework	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/public-service-workforce-guidance-for-the-covid-19-protection-framework/
6	COVID-19 Workforce Vaccinations Guidance	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/resources/covid-19-workforce-vaccinations-guidance/
7	Open letter to public servants re vaccination	https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Open-Letter-to-Public-servants-re-vaccination-effort.pdf

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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