



National Public Service

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION NO. 07 OF 2020

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**TO: ALL NATIONAL DEPARTMENTAL HEADS
HEADS OF OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITIES
ALL CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE-HOLDERS
ALL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS
ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS/EMPLOYEES**

**TRAVEL BAN FOR ALL PUBLIC SERVANTS/EMPLOYEES IN
PAPUA NEW GUINEA DUE TO THE RAPID SPREAD OF
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) GLOBALLY.**

Due to the continuous and rapid increase in the number of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases globally, resulting in deaths, the National Executive Council in its Decision No. 79/2020 of 11th March 2020 has directed the Department of Personnel Management to issue immediate advice to all public servants/employees that there is now a ban on overseas travel.

This overseas travel ban is effective as of the date of NEC Decision which is 11th March 2020 and will be in force for the next 60 days as per NEC Decision.

Therefore, all public servants/employees including Departmental Heads, Provincial Administrators, Heads of Statutory Bodies, Heads of Provincial Health Authorities and Constitutional Office Holders, are now advised that no public servant/employee is to travel out of the country until further notice.

The Immigrations and Citizenship Authority and National Airports Corporation are also being informed concurrently of this advice.

It is therefore advisable that all overseas scheduled conferences, business trips or office-related trips must be canceled or deferred until new direction is issued by NEC through the Ministerial COVID-19 Committee.

It is further incumbent upon public servants/employees now to use other means of technology to communicate with your counterparts overseas via e-work (email, video-conferencing, webinar, WhatsApp, etc.), where necessary.

This temporary ban is to safeguard public servants/employees from being infected by the Coronavirus whilst on overseas official duties/trips.

For further information and clarity, please contact the Office of the Secretary on telephone numbers 327 6379 or 327 6447.



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