



**INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**  
**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**  
**NO.7 COVID-19 TESTING MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 1; and
  - b. as authorised by the Controller.
  
2. No person or organisation may conduct COVID-19 testing, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 2; and
  - b. as authorised in writing by the Controller.
  
3. No COVID-19 test results shall be released by any person or organisation without the express written authorisation of the Controller.
  
4. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of Covid-19 test must provide all tests results to the Controller within 24 hours of the result being known.
  
5. A person or organization that does not comply with these Measures deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
  
6. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.





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7. These Measures come into effect on 23 July 2020 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM  
CONTROLLER



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

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
- Gene Xpert

#### **Schedule 2 – Approved Persons and Organisations to Conduct COVID-19 Testing**

- National Department of Health
- Institute of Medical Research Papua New Guinea
- Provincial Health Authorities
- Port Moresby General Hospital
- St John Ambulance
- OkTedi Mining
- Simberi Gold
- 2K Medical Clinic
- Newcrest Mining
- K92 Mining
- Sky Health and Medical Services
- Morobe Consolidated Goldfields ltd
- Pacific International Hospital