

Employment Court: COVID-19 Protocol

- AUCKLAND REGION
- REST OF NEW ZEALAND

Chief Judge Christina Inglis

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The Prime Minister has announced tonight that the restrictions imposed from midday 12 August 2020 will be extended for a period of 12 days. The Auckland Region (Auckland Council area) will remain at Alert Level 3 and the rest of New Zealand will remain at Alert Level 2.

The Level 3 protocols issued on 23 April 2020 apply (with any necessary modifications) for matters arising in the Auckland Region and the Level 2 protocols issued on 13 May 2020 apply (with any necessary modifications) for matters arising throughout the rest of New Zealand.

The Employment Court continues to process all new and existing proceedings. It remains open to hear matters, as appropriate, including in Auckland.

The Judges are assessing proceedings which are set down in Auckland during this period and will convene telephone conferences to discuss next steps. Representatives should contact the Court Registrar (contact details below) if they wish to raise any particular matters, including in relation to matters set down for hearing in the next two weeks.

All new matters continue to be referred to a Judge and are prioritised in the usual way. Parties are reminded of the ability to apply for urgency under cl 21 of sch 3 to the Employment Relations Act 2000. Any application should be supported by a full explanation as to why urgency is sought.

Note that filing fees remain payable during this period.

Auckland Region: [Employment Court: COVID-19 Alert Levels 3-4](#)

Rest of New Zealand: [Employment Court: COVID-19 Alert Level 2](#)

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