

Renewal of Declaration of a State of Emergency

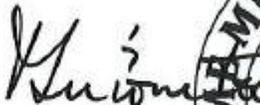


TONGAN Pursuant to sections 32 and 34(1) of the Emergency Management Act 2007, and having been satisfied of the following –

- (1) The continuous spread of the novel coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) worldwide and in countries proximate to Tonga;
- (2) That pursuant to the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 dated 12 June 2020 and gazetted on 12 June 2020 unless further extended under section 167 of the Public Health Act 2008 and the Declaration of COVID-19 to be an Emergency Notifiable Condition dated 12 March 2020 and gazetted on 13 March 2020, it is clear that there is a continuous public health emergency in Tonga;

AND that it is still necessary for emergency powers to be exercised in order to prevent or minimize risk and the loss of human life to COVID-19, I therefore hereby renew the Declaration of a State of Emergency that was name on 8 July 2020, to be applied over all the land and sea areas of Tonga commencing from **Tuesday 4 August 2020 at 8:00pm** until **Monday 31 August 2020 at 8:00pm**, unless further renewed in accordance with the law.

DECLARED in Nuku’alofa on this 4th day of August 2020.


Honourable Reverend Dr. Rohiya Tu’i onega
PRIME MINISTER

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National COVID-19 Restrictions Directions



TONGAN IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sections 37 and 39 of the Emergency Management Act 2007 and in recognition of –

- A the declaration made by the World Health Organizing of Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) as a global pandemic which is accelerating;
- B the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 on 12 June 2020 unless further extended under section 167 of the Public Health Act 2008 and the Declaration of an Emergency Notifiable Condition dated 13 March 2020 and the effort to prevent or minimize the spread of the COVID-19 within the Kingdom of Tonga; and
- C the Renewal of a State of Emergency dated **4 August 2020**.

The Commissioner of the Tonga Police and the Chief of Defence Staff of His Majesty’s Armed Forces, as authorised officers under section 36(2) of the Emergency Management Act 2007, hereby makes the following Directions –

(1) These Directions shall be effective from **8:00pm, Tuesday 4 August 2020 to 8:00pm, Monday 31 August 2020** and shall apply to the areas specified in the Renewal of the Declaration of a State of Emergency dated **4 August 2020**, unless further renewed.

(2) For the purposes of these Directions, unless the context requires otherwise –

“**authorised officers**” means any person or class of persons authorised in accordance with section 36 of the Emergency Management Act 2007 and any person or class of persons designated under sections 177 and 178 of the Public Health Act 2008;

“**protective clothing**” means any clothing which includes a handkerchief, gloves, garments or equipment designated to minimise the risk of an infection;

“**mass gatherings**” means any gathering not exceeding a total of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors in any gatherings except for religious services and education institutions; and

“**social distancing**” means keeping 1.5 meters distance from any other person at all times.

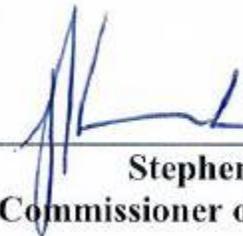
(3) Night-time curfews shall apply from **12:00 midnight to 5:00am**.

(4) The night-time curfew shall be enforced by the Tonga Police, His Majesty’s Armed Forces and relevant authorised officers.

(5) All activities and gatherings in Tonga shall –

- (a) not exceed the maximum number defined as mass gathering;
 - (b) comply with social distancing; and
 - (c) comply with the Ministry of Health requirements for sanitation and hygiene.
- (6) Funeral gatherings shall be restricted to a total of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with an authorised officer to be present throughout.
- (7) Tonga Police and His Majesty's Armed Forces and any authorised officers for the purposes of securing public safety and maintenance of public health shall have the power to enforce these Directions.
- (8) All persons shall observe and promote social distancing at all times and shall use protective clothing where possible.
- (9) All persons shall observe personal hand hygiene and shall follow all Public Health Advisories issued by the Ministry of Health in relation to COVID-19.
- (10) All provisions of these Directions shall apply to all persons.

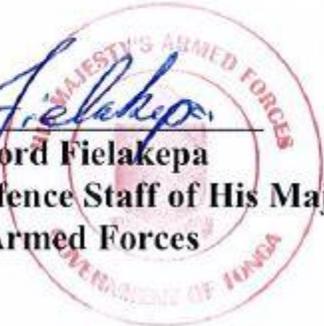
DECLARED at Nuku'alofa this **4th** day of **August** 2020.


Stephen Caldwell
Commissioner of the Tonga Police



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Lord Fielakepa
Chief of the Defence Staff of His Majesty's
Armed Forces



The seal of His Majesty's Armed Forces, Tonga, is circular with a red border. It features the text "HIS MAJESTY'S ARMED FORCES" at the top and "MINISTRY OF TONGA" at the bottom. In the center, there is a coat of arms with a crown on top and a cross above it. Two stars are positioned on either side of the coat of arms.