

Public Health (Quarantine Fees) Determination 2020

Disallowable instrument DI2020–239

made under the

Public Health Act 1997, s 137 (Determination of fees)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Health (Quarantine Fees) Determination 2020*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Definitions

In this instrument:

designated premises—see section 4 (1).

quarantine fees—see section 5 (1).

4 Application

(1) This instrument applies in relation to a person required, under a quarantine direction, to quarantine in any of the following premises (*designated premises*):

- (a) a room in a hotel;
- (b) a serviced apartment;
- (c) similar accommodation approved, in writing, by the chief health officer or an authorised person.

(2) However, this instrument does not apply to a person who is a member of an international flight crew, air ambulance crew or medevac crew.

(3) In this section:

authorised person means a person authorised under the Act, section 121 (2).

quarantine direction means—

- (a) the *Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 6)* [NI2020-374]; or
- (b) any later direction under the Act, section 120 (1) in relation to the *Public Health (Emergency) Declaration 2020 (No 1)* [NI2020-153] that requires a person to quarantine on entering the ACT following a flight that originated outside Australia.

5 Determination of quarantine fees

- (1) The following fees (*quarantine fees*) are payable in relation to a person required to quarantine for the standard quarantine period:
 - (a) for an adult not in a family group—\$3 000;
 - (b) for a family group—
 - (i) \$3 000 for the first adult; and
 - (ii) \$1 000 for each additional adult; and
 - (iii) \$500 for each child aged 3 years or older.

Examples—par (b)

A family comprising 2 adults and 2 children aged 4 years and 12 years quarantining in a hotel for the standard quarantine period will be charged a fee of \$5 000.

A family comprising 2 adults and 3 children aged 7 years, 3 years and 18 months quarantining in a serviced apartment for the standard quarantine period will be charged a fee of \$5 000.

- (2) In this section:

COVID-19 means the coronavirus disease 2019 caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

family group means 2 or more people who are required to quarantine together in designated premises, at least 1 of whom is an adult.

standard quarantine period, for a person in relation to whom this instrument applies, means the period—

- (a) beginning on the day the person enters the ACT; and
- (b) ending on the 14th day after the person enters the ACT.

6 People liable to pay quarantine fee

- (1) A quarantine fee payable in relation to a person required to quarantine is payable by the person.
- (2) However—
 - (a) if a quarantine fee is payable in relation to a child, the parents of the child are jointly and severally liable for the fee; and
 - (b) if 2 or more adults are required to quarantine together in designated premises, whether or not with any children, all adults are jointly and severally liable for a quarantine fee payable for each person required to quarantine in the designated premises.

(3) In this section:

parent of a child—a person is a *parent* of a child if the person is—

- (a) the child's mother; or
- (b) the child's father; or
- (c) someone else, other than the director-general responsible for the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, having or exercising parental responsibility for the child.

parental responsibility, for a child—see the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, section 15.

7 Payment of quarantine fee

- (1) A quarantine fee is payable to the Territory, and is payable as a lump sum.
- (2) However, a person required to pay a quarantine fee may apply, in writing, to the Minister for any of the following:
 - (a) payment of the fee by instalments;
 - (b) deferral of payment of the fee;
 - (c) waiver of the fee.

Note In considering an application under s (2), the Minister must take into account the applicant's circumstances, including whether the applicant is suffering financial hardship (see Act, s 137 (3)).

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