



## Bulletin – Tertiary Provider Bulletin

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### NZ COVID Tracer app

The NZ COVID Tracer App was launched today and will assist with contact tracing in New Zealand. Please note that this app will not be able to send contact tracing data to tertiary education organisations and therefore cannot replace collecting contact information.

Contact tracing information should still be collected and retained that identifies which students, staff (and any other visitors) have been in each ‘controlled learning space’ or ‘other controlled environment’ and at what time. A ‘controlled learning space’ may be a lecture theatre, a lab, a classroom, etc., while ‘other controlled environments’ may be a building or an outdoor site with perimeter control.

Students, staff and visitors who download the app will create a digital diary of the places they visit by scanning QR codes displayed at the entrances to business premises, other organisations and public buildings. People can also register their contact information through the app so that the National Close Contact Service can get in touch if they need to.

TEOs can generate a QR code poster for each of their premises through MBIE’s Business Connect online service. All TEO’s should already have a NZBN (you can search the NZBN.co.nz website to find your number). Businesses operating on a tertiary campus, such as a restaurant, bookshop, etc., can also generate their own unique QR code posters using their NZBNs.

If you want to participate, you can generate a QR code poster to display for those coming on site to scan in their phones (they will need to download the app to do this).

To generate a code you will need to have the following:

- a [RealMe login \(external link\)](#)
- a [New Zealand Business Number \(NZBN\) \(external link\)](#) and access to your NZBN profile
- [authority over your business \(external link\)](#).

Once you have your RealMe login, NZBN and authority over your business, you’ll need to register with Business Connect or login to an existing Business Connect account.



### [Registering with Business Connect \(external link\)](#)

Once you've registered your TEO with Business Connect, you can create multiple QR codes, and then download and print a poster for each location that you want to keep track of (e.g. a lecture theatre, library, etc.). Each poster contains a QR code which your staff, students and visitors can scan using the NZ COVID Tracer app.

The poster can be displayed at the entrances of each 'controlled learning environment' and 'other controlled environments' around the tertiary campus.

TEOs should continue to have multiple overlapping systems to support contact tracing; for example, sign-in/sign-out sheets, QR code posters, swipe access, utilisation of wireless hotspot data, etc.

For more information visit [www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/contact-tracing](http://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/contact-tracing)

The more QR code posters we have in place the more Kiwis will be able to keep track of where they've been with the app. This will speed up contact tracing and help stop any further spread of COVID-19, which is good for everyone.

### ***Further information on the App (from the Ministry of Health)***

*"Any information you decide to record with the app will be stored securely on your phone and deleted automatically after 31 days. It's your choice whether you share any of this information with contact tracers, and any information you do share will be used only for public health purposes and never for enforcement," says Dr Bloomfield.*

*"Like all mobile apps, NZ COVID Tracer will be updated over time as new features are developed. In the next release, NZ COVID Tracer will be able to notify you if you have been at the same location at the same time as someone who has COVID-19 and will allow you to send your digital diary directly to the National Close Contact Service.*

*"You will also be able to self-report any COVID-19 symptoms so you can be tested for the virus if appropriate and will be able to complete a daily health check-in through the app if you're in isolation.*

*"I encourage all New Zealanders to download the NZ COVID Tracer app to help protect yourself, your friends, whānau and community by making it easier to trace the people you've come into close contact with."*

NZ COVID Tracer is available now from the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store](#).

Further information about the app can be found at [www.health.govt.nz/NZ-COVID-Tracer](http://www.health.govt.nz/NZ-COVID-Tracer).

### **Things change quickly so stay up to date by following the links below:**

For health advice, please refer to the Ministry of Health's website.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

For Cross-agency information about COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), including health advice and travel restrictions visit the All-of-Government website <https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

To keep updated on travel restrictions and visa information visit <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/news-notifications/coronavirus-update-inz-response>

For additional advice for tertiary providers/whare wananga visit the Ministry of Education website <http://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>