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The Property Law Section welcomes the certainty provided by the Director-General of Health's [Exemption of Persons From Requirements of the COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Alert Levels 3 and 2\) Order 2020](#), gazetted on 15 August, for people permanently relocating their business, home or place of residence into or out of Auckland.

People can now travel into, out of, and through Auckland if they are:

- returning to their principal home or place of residence
- relocating a home or business.

The PLS recommends that lawyers provide clients who are shifting into or out of the Alert Level 3 region with a letter on law firm letterhead, providing the details to support their reason for travel, to assist when passing through Police checkpoints.

The relevant excerpt from the Gazette notice reads as follows:

Further pursuant to clause [27](#) of the Order, I declare that the following persons are exempted from clause [23](#) and clause [9\(j\)](#) of the Order:

Persons permanently relocating their home or place of residence into or out of Auckland.

The exemption will begin at 11.59pm on 14 August 2020 and cease at the expiry of the Order.

Guidelines for how people can travel safely through the Auckland region, and also through regions that are at Alert Level 2, are available on the COVID-19 website [here](#).

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