



23 March 2020 COVID-19 UPDATE #2

HealthCERT audits

Further to this morning's update, we can advise that all routine audits (certification and surveillance) scheduled to occur from today up to and including 30 September 2020 are to be cancelled.

Where the Ministry of Health has concerns about the quality of the health care being provided an audit may be required. This audit may be either an unannounced audit undertaken by the Ministry of Health or by the Designated Auditing Agency.

Certification audits: all certified services

If the provider has a certificate expiring up to (and including) 30 September 2020 the Ministry of Health will extend the period of certification by up to 12 months, i.e. if the current certificate expires 9 August 2020, the period of certification may be extended to 9 August 2021.

Surveillance audits

- a) Unannounced surveillance audits: if the providers are scheduled to have an unannounced surveillance audit three months either side of 31 July 2020, the surveillance audit will be cancelled
- b) Announced surveillance scheduled up to 30 September 2020 will be cancelled
- c) Developmental Evaluations scheduled up to 30 September 2020 will be cancelled.

Designated auditing agencies have been notified of this decision.

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