

New Caledonia	
Policy responses	
Containment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, 2020: Port screening, social distancing rules, schools closed, public spaces closed.¹ • March 19, 2020: Declaration of lockdown.² • April 2, 2020: Border closure and travel bans.³ • April 20, 2020: Easing of restrictions.⁴ • May 8, 2020: Partial curfew for youths.⁵ • June 11, 2020: Tight border restrictions remain.⁶ • June 15, 2020: Lifting of restrictions⁷: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On large gatherings and sporting events ○ Entertainment venues no longer are required to record the contact details of their customers • June 23, 2020: Flights remain suspended. • July 21, 2020: Ban on most commercial flights extended for another three months on July 21, 2020.⁸ • July 26, 2020: Suspension of international flights extended until October 24, 2020.⁹ • July 31, 2020: Borders remain closed until July 31, 2020 and only authorized international repatriation/freight flights allowed.¹⁰ • November 11, 2020: New Caledonia extended its travel restrictions until the end of July.¹¹ • December 9, 2020: New Caledonia recorded a new case of COVID-19, taking its toll to 36.¹² • Mar 8, 2021: New Caledonia registers 9 cases and it will go into a two-week lockdown from midnight.¹³ • Mar 19, 2021: New Caledonia' lockdown has been extended until

¹ www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=12318529

² www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=12324217

³ www.worldaware.com/covid-19-alert-pacific-nations-and-territories-tighten-travel-restrictions-april-2

⁴ www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/333501/new-caledonia-authorities-to-ease-covid-19-restrictions-from-april-20-update-3

⁵ www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/416172/new-caledonia-southern-province-installs-youth-curfew

⁶ www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/349811/new-caledonia-all-covid-19-restrictions-to-be-lifted-on-june-15-but-flights-remain-suspended-update-5

⁷ www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/349811/new-caledonia-all-covid-19-restrictions-to-be-lifted-on-june-15-but-flights-remain-suspended-update-5

⁸ www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/362026/new-caledonia-authorities-extend-commercial-flight-ban-july-21-update-7

⁹ www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/363386/new-caledonia-suspension-of-international-flights-extended-until-october-24-update-8

¹⁰ www.newcaledonia.travel/au/coronavirus

¹¹ <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/430287/new-caledonia-extends-covid-19-travel-restrictions-to-july>

¹² <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/432503/new-caledonia-records-new-covid-19-case-at-the-border-taking-total-to-36>

¹³ <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/437886/new-caledonia-orders-lockdown-after-first-community-cases>

	<p>March 28th.¹⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 19, 2021:¹⁵ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Traveller banned Masks are not required Quarantine for 14 days required for all countries. Test not required. -No lockdown in effect -Events allowed -Transport operational -All shops open -Tourist attractions are open -Restaurants and bars are fully open
Trade measures ¹⁶	<p>Restrictive: N/A.</p> <p>Liberalizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures in import tax and VAT of alcohol-based solutions. • Reduction of VAT on hand sanitizers.
SME measures (last update 22 January 2021)	<p>Deferral of tax payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social contribution and tax payments are deferred for enterprises and self-employed entrepreneurs.¹⁷ <p>Loan support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new State-guaranteed loan scheme (via Bpifrance in New Caledonia) has been set up to meet the cash flow needs of companies affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Companies with less than 5,000 employees and a turnover of less than XPF 179 billion and the self-employed can benefit from it.¹⁸ • Credit mediation: support from the French Overseas Broadcasting Institute (<i>L'Institut d'Émission d'Outre-mer</i>) to negotiate a rescheduling of bank loans. Credit mediation helps companies facing difficulties with one or more banking institutions. This national system has been simplified to deal with the COVID-19 crisis.¹⁹ <p>Deferral of loan repayment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible enterprises and self-employed entrepreneurs can benefit from a six-month deferral of the maturities of depreciable credits.²⁰ <p>Other financial support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Employment Safeguard Scheme (also known as <i>chômage partiel</i>) eases the financial burden on businesses and enables companies to retain

¹⁴ <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/438720/in-brief-news-from-around-the-pacific>

¹⁵ <https://covidcontrols.co/restrictions/new-caledonia>

¹⁶ <https://www.macmap.org/covid19>

¹⁷ <https://gouv.nc/info-coronavirus-covid-19/infos-economie>

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ Ibid.

	<p>employees since April 2020. To do so, the State finances 70 per cent of the gross salary used as the basis for calculating holiday pay. The allowance for the general sector amounts XPF 493,191 per month and XPF 133 086 per month for the agricultural sector. This scheme has been extended for companies deeply affected by the crisis for a period of three months, from June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020, with the possibility of extending it for an additional three months.²¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferral of electricity and water charges payments for April and May 2020.²² • A system of direct provincial aid, co-financed with the State, is provided in favor of micro-enterprises and self-employed workers economically affected by the COVID-19 crisis.²³ • Companies with fewer than 11 employees (including the self-employed) and a turnover of less than or equal to XPF 120 million can have access to the Solidarity Fund for Small Enterprises. This aid amounts to a maximum of XPF 178,998 and can be extended for the most affected businesses. Additional aid is available to firms that have already received initial aid under the scheme for loss of turnover between March and June.²⁴ <p>Employment support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Employment Safeguard Scheme (also known as <i>chômage partiel</i>) enables companies facing economic difficulties to retain employees since April 2020. To do so, the State finances 70 per cent of the gross salary used as the basis for calculating holiday pay. The allowance for the general sector amounts XPF 493,191 per month and XPF 133 086 per month for the agricultural sector. This scheme has been extended for companies deeply affected by the crisis for a period of three months, from June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020, with the possibility of extending it for an additional three months.²⁵
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²¹ Ibid.

²² Ibid.

²³ Ibid.

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