

# 'United We Stand Demands Government Immediate Revocation of CVC Order or Face Judicial Review'

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United We Stand is a group of NZ Police and NZDF service members that have been successful in overturning an order requiring them to be vaccinated. They now intend to continue the fight on behalf of all New Zealanders being affected by the discriminatory vaccine passport system.

We oppose the mandatory use of COVID Vaccination Certificates (CVC), which are required in certain situations by the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Protection Framework) Order 2021 (the Order).

The High Court agreed with our challenge to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Specified Work Vaccinations) Order 2021, and ruled that it was unlawful.

In reaching its decision, the High Court considered expert evidence from both parties and determined that although vaccination can reduce the severity of symptoms, it is significantly less effective at preventing the transmission of COVID-19, which is now endemic in New Zealand.

Limitations on fundamental human rights such as the vaccine passport system should only be imposed as long as they are justified and then immediately removed. Emerging evidence is making it apparent that the vaccine passport system achieves little in controlling the spread of COVID-19 yet is a huge disruption to business and a major breach of individual human rights. We don't want to hear promises of it being removed in a few weeks; this system needs to be removed immediately.

The CVC requirement does not prevent or limit the risk of the outbreak or spread of COVID-19, which is the purported purpose of the Order.

United We Stand ask that the Government immediately revoke the Order or amend it to remove the CVC requirement.

We appear to have saved Police and Military jobs for now but we still have a fight ahead to get back into the roles we previously held, to enter a Police Station or onto NZDF Land which are now only accessible if you are vaccinated and to secure the jobs of non constabulary Police Employees, Civilian Defence Personnel, Contractors and Visitors who are affected by internal Policy changes.

There are also many more within New Zealand that haven't been so lucky and have lost their jobs. We now stand with those people who have suffered loss of income because of the mandates. We will legally challenge every order we believe is unjust and in breach of fundamental human rights. We will respect and uphold the Bill of Rights Act.

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