

Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Bill

Government Bill

As reported from the Governance and Administration Committee

Commentary

Recommendation

The Governance and Administration Committee has examined the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Bill and recommends that it be passed. We recommend all amendments unanimously except for one, in clause 162, which is recommended by majority.

About the bill as introduced

The Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Bill is an omnibus bill that seeks to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of regulatory systems overseen by the Department of Internal Affairs. Regulatory systems amendment bills cover smaller issues and can make improvements to multiple pieces of legislation through one bill.

The bill seeks to update regulatory systems and remove unnecessary compliance and implementation costs for the Department of Internal Affairs and regulated parties. It would amend Acts relating to the following portfolios: Internal Affairs, Health, Local Government, Transport, Justice, Community and Voluntary Sector, and Land Information. The proposed amendments range from removing transitional provisions and amending incorrect references to repealing redundant or ineffective provisions in legislation.

As introduced, the bill would amend (or, in some cases, repeal) 23 Acts of Parliament, and associated regulations. It would amend the following Acts:

- Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021
- Charities Act 2005
- Citizenship Act 1977
- Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012

- Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993
- Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017
- Gambling Act 2003
- Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
- Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004
- Inquiries Act 2013
- Land Drainage Act 1908
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- Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968
- Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009
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- Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1920
- River Boards Amendment Act 1913
- Rotorua Borough Act 1922

The bill would also repeal the Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981 and revoke the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958.

For a detailed explanation of the bill's changes, we refer readers to appendix one in the Department of Internal Affairs' initial briefing to this committee, and its departmental report.

Proposed amendments

The Minister of Internal Affairs wrote to us on 22 October 2025 proposing two amendments to the bill—affecting the Charities Act and the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act—which we included in our consideration. Several further Acts would be amended as a result of our consideration: the Dog Control Act 1996, the Freedom Camping Act 2011, the Impounding Act 1955, the Local Government Act 1974, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, and the River Boards Act 1908.

We consider the proposed changes to be mostly minor or technical in nature. We have set out our recommended amendments, including those proposed by the Minister, in the attached revision-tracked version.

Below we note some of the main amendments that we think should be drawn to readers' attention

Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act

Part 1 of the bill would amend the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021. Clauses 6 to 11, 13, and 14 would amend the Act to enable the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a birth, death, name change, marriage, or civil union certificate if there is good reason to do so. This change would address a gap in the legislation where there is currently no power for the Registrar-General to omit sensitive or upsetting information from certificates.

We agree with submitters that “good reason” is undefined and gives discretion to the Registrar-General with no criteria to guide decision-making. We recommend deleting clause 14 and replacing it with new clause 5B to specify that the Registrar-General must be satisfied that the disclosure of the information is prejudicial to the personal safety or wellbeing of the person named in the certificate or their family.

We also recommend inserting new clause 5B to specify that the Registrar-General could only omit this information at the request of the person who is both requesting the certificate and named in it, or their personal representative.

Boxing and Wrestling Act

Part 2 of the bill (clauses 18 and 19) would repeal the Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981 and revoke the Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958. The current Act and Regulations are outdated and not fit for purpose. Their removal would mean that the boxing and wrestling sectors would not have their own legislative framework in which to operate, as is currently the case for other combat sports.

Submitters maintained that repealing the Act would “leave a regulatory vacuum”, and should not be done without replacement legislation or a regulatory framework in place to cover combat sports. We note that the scope of this bill is very limited, preventing us from making significant changes to the regulatory regime. However, we agree that measures should be implemented to regulate combat sports.

We note that the Ministry for Culture and Heritage is leading a review of the combat sports sector, which may lead to a regulatory framework for combat sports. Advisers have indicated that, if a regulatory framework is created for combat sports, it could be in place by 2028. We therefore recommend amending clause 2 so that the repeal of the Act and the revocation of the Regulations would commence on 1 April 2028, or earlier by Order in Council. We encourage the introduction of a new regulatory regime as soon as possible.

We also encourage the Ministry for Culture and Heritage to engage with the combat sports sector if it works on a new regulatory framework.

Charities Act

Part 3 of the bill would amend the Charities Act 2005 and regulations made under the Act.

Search of Charities Register

Clause 23 would amend section 27 by removing the current restrictive list of search criteria. This change would allow the charities register to be searched under any criteria, subject to any regulations that may be made under section 73(1)(e) of the Act. No such regulations have been made to date, but they could be introduced in the future to address privacy concerns.

Clause 24 would repeal sections 28 and 29 of the Charities Act. Section 28 sets out a restrictive list of purposes for searching the Charities Register. Section 29 provides that any search not in accordance with sections 27 and 28 would constitute an interference with privacy under section 69 of the Privacy Act 2020.

As a future-proofing measure, we recommend retaining section 29 and applying it to the newly amended section 27. This would ensure that there would be consequences if people do not search the register in compliance with any future regulations.

Charities Registration Board

As proposed by the Minister, we recommend adding a new clause 22A to amend the Act. This new clause would clarify that the powers and functions of the Charities Registration Board would not be affected by any vacancy in its membership. In July 2023, the Charities Amendment Act 2023 came into effect; among other things, it increased the membership of the Charities Registration Board from three to five members. The proposed amendment would allow for a potential vacancy and align with other legislation.

Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act

Part 6 of the bill would amend the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and certain regulations made under the Act. The Act sets out the requirement to label films with a classification (for example, R18), the process for applying for a label, and which body can issue labels. Among other criteria, a labelling body must be representative of the film industry.

The Film and Video Labelling Body (FVLB), which currently undertakes the labelling body role, intends to end operations on 31 March 2027. As there is no other film industry representative body that meets the criteria for an approved labelling body, the Minister has proposed an amendment to the Act to address the impending regulatory gap. It would enable the Minister to appoint another body to fulfil the functions of the labelling body.

We support the amendment proposed by the Minister, and recommend inserting clauses 47A to 47D to change the process and criteria for determining a labelling body under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act

Part 7 of the bill would amend the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 and regulations made under that Act.

Rate of levy payable for mixed-use property

Regulation 15 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Levy) Regulations 2024 sets the levy payable after a valuation that is apportioned between residential and non-residential under regulation 14. Clause 92 would replace regulation 15(1) to provide that the valuation would be available if the property is deemed to be less than 50 per cent residential. Regulation 15 is intended to ensure that the levy payable would be the lesser of regulation 15(2)(a) or 15(2)(b).

Submitters suggested amending regulation 15(2)(a)(ii) to clarify that the calculation under regulation 15(2)(a) includes a maximum of \$107.40 per annum for each residential property.

We agree that regulation 15(2)(a)(i) is intended to account for the cap for each dwelling. However, the current drafting may not clearly incorporate the cap. We recommend further amendments to regulation 15 to clarify that the calculation should account for the maximum levy payable per dwelling.

We also recommend amending section 81 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act and regulation 13 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Levy) Regulations to clarify definitions as they relate to residential percentage calculation for a mixed-use property.

Transitional provision

Clause 85 and Schedule 3 would insert new Part 2 into Schedule 1 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act. New Part 2 provides that the transitional arrangement for the levy would continue to apply to the following contracts of fire insurance:

- a contract of fire insurance entered into on or before 30 June 2026 and not varied; and
- a contract of fire insurance entered into on or before 30 June 2026 that was subsequently varied, but only if, at the time of the variation, the contract was intended to terminate on or before 30 June 2027.

Submitters suggested adding a further subclause to Schedule 3 to address mid-term adjustments for multi-year contract works insurance for large construction projects.

We support extending the transitional period for contract works insurance until 2031, as this would support the smooth implementation of the new levy system from 1 July 2026. Therefore, we recommend amending proposed new Part 2 to include “a contract of contract works insurance that was entered into on or before 30 June 2026 and is varied on or after 1 July 2026 but only if, at the time of the variation, the contract is intended to terminate on or before 30 June 2031”.

We also recommend amending Schedule 1 of the Act to clarify that a variation may include changes to measures of insurance value besides the sum insured. Subclause (2) should make it clear that changes to any insurance value used for the transitional levy are included, not just the sum insured. Adding “amount for which the property is insured” would make the provision more inclusive of different forms of measuring insurance value.

Gambling Act

Part 8 of the bill would amend the Gambling Act 2003 and revoke specified regulations made under the Act. Section 301 of the Act sets an age restriction on buying and selling tickets in certain instant lottery games and similar games. Clause 108 would amend section 301 by replacing “instant games” with “New Zealand lottery”. This change would establish a minimum age of 18 for buying lottery tickets. The clause would come into force on a date set by Order in Council or 31 March 2027 at the latest.

We note that there is a risk that people under age 18 may legally purchase a lottery ticket before the new legislation takes effect, but would not be able to redeem it. Therefore, we recommend inserting a transitional provision into the Gambling Act (new Schedule 3A, inserted by new clause 115A(2)). This would clarify that, despite section 305 of the Act, the bill would not prevent tickets validly purchased before the commencement date from being redeemed after that date.

We also recommend amending clause 2(2)(b) to change the specified commencement date from 31 March 2027 to 29 March 2027. This would avoid the provision commencing on the same day as a lottery draw.

Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act

Part 10 of the bill would amend the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004 (HART Act). The Act regulates assisted reproductive procedures and sets out a comprehensive information-keeping regime. Section 47 of the HART Act covers the information that service providers must obtain from donors. Clause 122 would amend section 47(2) so that providers must accept updated information from donors or their personal representatives, but only if satisfied that the information is accurate.

Submitters commented on the need to define who can act as a “personal representative”. We recommend amending clause 122 to include a list of who might be considered a donor’s “personal representative” based on the definition in the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021.

Submitters also commented on what type of identity verification a personal representative would need to provide. We recommend amending clause 122 to state that the provider must accept an update to the donor’s information only if satisfied that the person is the donor or the donor’s personal representative and satisfied about the identity of the person.

Other matters we considered

Tracking donor offspring births

Clause 123 would amend section 52 of the HART Act. This section relates to the requirement for providers to have systems in place to track donor offspring births. New section 52(2) would allow the Registrar-General, upon request, to tell a provider the number of donor offspring births recorded for a particular donor. Currently clinics cannot easily find out if a donor has donated at multiple clinics because of the restric-

tion on information sharing under section 62. This limits the clinics' ability to monitor how many times a donor's sperm is used and the risk of donor-conceived individuals forming relationships with unknown siblings.

Submitters commented on the provision saying it does not go far enough and suggested ways to strengthen it. We think this issue should be considered further. However, any such change would be outside the scope of the bill. If any changes were to be made, we believe these would need further engagement with stakeholders and detailed policy design.

Storage of gametes and embryos

Section 10 of the HART Act restricts and prohibits the storage, manipulation, and use of a human gamete or embryo that has been stored for 10 years or more. Submitters suggested amending section 10 of the HART Act to:

- increase the 10-year limit for the storage of gametes and embryos
- require that overseas storage does not count as storage within New Zealand law
- give the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology discretion to consider applications for extension to the storage limit, even after the expiry of the applicable period.

We think that this matter should be considered further. However, any such change would be outside the scope of the bill.

Public Records Act

Part 18 of the bill would amend the Public Records Act 2005.

Destruction of a public archive

Clause 158 would insert new sections 20A and 20B into the Public Records Act. New section 20A would allow the Chief Archivist to authorise the destruction of a public archive if it posed a risk to the health and safety of any person.

We recommend narrowing the scope of this provision to ensure that the powers are used only when strictly necessary. Section 20A should be amended to make clear that the power may be used only when there is no reasonable alternative way to mitigate the risk to health and safety.

We also recommend amending section 20A and adding new clause 156A so that the Chief Archivist must keep a register of all public archives destroyed under new section 20A, including the reasons for destruction. We expect a digitised copy to be kept when the physical file is destroyed.

Sale of public records

Clause 158 would insert new section 20B to clarify that a public record sold under section 20(1)(d) becomes the property of the purchaser and ceases to have status as a public record under the Act.

Submitters suggested that sold public records should be marked to indicate that they are no longer public records. We do not consider it necessary to mandate marking sold public records to indicate their changed status. However, we recommend amending the Act to require the Chief Archivist to keep a register of sales made under sections 19 and 20.

Amendment of public archive

Clause 160 would insert new section 26A into the Public Records Act. New section 26A would allow the Chief Archivist to authorise amendments to a public archive by notation or addition of new material. We recommend amending new section 26A to require that any amendments be dated and include the signature, name, and designation of the person making the amendment.

Overseas exemptions

Clause 162 would insert new section 60A into the Public Records Act. New section 60A would allow the Chief Archivist to grant an exemption for a public office operating overseas under a multinational arrangement from compliance with an obligation under the Act.

Submitters raised a number of concerns about clause 162, including:

- concern that the New Zealand Defence Force would be exempted from complying with the Public Records Act in overseas deployments
- uncertainty about how and when exemption decisions would be reported
- concern about the provision acting as a secrecy measure, and its effect on freedom of information.

Given these concerns, the majority of us consider that exempting public offices should require further public consultation and detailed policy design. Therefore, we recommend removing this amendment from the bill. The Department of Internal Affairs told us that it will continue to work on this issue, and we encourage it to continue to progress this work.

Local Electoral Act

Section 14 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires all electoral officials to make a witnessed declaration before acting as officials, but it does not specify who can witness the declaration. We consider that this creates inefficiencies in processing declarations for electoral officials. Therefore, we recommend adding clause 137B to enable electoral officers and deputy electoral officers to witness declarations of other electoral officials, in addition to those who can already do so under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

New Zealand National Party differing view

Clause 162 gave an exemption to Crown agencies with respect to certain aspects of the Public Records Act. This related to when that agency does not hold the public information, because it was held by another country or it is held by an organisation

that works across multiple countries. We believe removing clause 162 is not the best approach, as officials' consistent advice to the committee clearly states that without clause 162 there are Crown agencies which will not be able to comply with this Act if passed. It is a false sense of comfort to remove this exemption. This is because those agencies have no control over information held by another country, and therefore cannot force that country to release information. We are open to pragmatic changes that would improve this situation but sit in a minority on this issue. We oppose this because it does not seem best practice to pass legislation where it is known that legislation cannot be complied with, and risks passing the problem to someone else, ultimately necessitating further legislative changes.

Appendix

Committee process

The Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Bill was referred to this committee on 12 August 2026.

We called for submissions on the bill with a closing date of 24 September 2025. We received and considered submissions from 44 interested groups and individuals. We heard oral evidence from 11 submitters. We wish to acknowledge the efforts of all submitters and thank them for their engagement.

As part of our consideration of the bill, we have examined its consistency with principles of legislative quality. We have no issues regarding the legislation's design to bring to the attention of the House.

Advice on the bill was provided by the Department of Internal Affairs. The Office of the Clerk provided advice on the bill's legislative quality. The Parliamentary Counsel Office assisted with legal drafting.

Committee membership

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Related resources

The documents we received as advice and evidence are available on the Parliament website.

Key to symbols used in reprinted bill

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Hon Brooke van Velden

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act **2025**.

2 Commencement

- (1) This Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent. 5
- (2) However,—
- (aaa) sections 18 to 21 come into force on the earlier of the following:
- (i) **1 April 2028**; and
- (ii) a date set by Order in Council; and
- (a) **sections 41 to 43** come into force 10 working days after the date on which this Act comes into force under **subsection (1)**; and 10
- (b) **sections 108, 115A, and 116(2)** come into force on the earlier of—
the following:
- (i) a date appointed by the Governor-General by Order in Council; and 15
- (ii) **31-29 March 2027**; and
- (iii) a date set by Order in Council.
- (3) An Order in Council made under **subsection (2)(b)(i) (2)(aaa)(ii) or (b)(iii)** is secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements). 20

Part 1

Amendments to Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021

3 Principal Act

This Part amends the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021. 25

4 Section 62 amended (Overseas divorce or dissolution certificate may be provided to Registrar-General)

Replace section 62(1) with:

- (1) A person may provide to the Registrar-General a certificate issued outside New Zealand in respect of a divorce or dissolution of a marriage or civil union if—
- (a) the divorce or dissolution occurred outside New Zealand; and
 - (b) the certificate relates to a New Zealand citizen or a person ordinarily resident in New Zealand.
- (1A) The form of the certificate must be a court order of divorce or dissolution, or other equivalent evidence of the divorce or dissolution.

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5 Section 69 amended (Application for name change by eligible person)

In section 69(2)(a), replace “if the application is ~~approved~~” with “on the date on which ~~the name change is registered~~ the eligible person is notified that their application has been”.

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5A Section 70 amended (Application for name change by guardian of eligible child)

In section 70(2)(a), replace “if the application is” with “on the date on which the guardian is notified that the eligible child’s application has been”.

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5B New section 78A inserted (Subject of information may request certificate with registered information omitted)

After section 78, insert:

78A Subject of information may request certificate with registered information omitted

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- (1) This section applies if any of the following persons requests a certificate under section 78:
- (a) an individual who would be the subject of the certificate;
 - (b) a personal representative of the individual who would be the subject of the certificate.
- (2) The Registrar-General may, if requested by a person referred to in **subsection (1)**, omit registered information from the certificate if the Registrar-General reasonably believes that inclusion of the information in the certificate would prejudice the personal safety or well-being of—
- (a) the individual who would be the subject of the certificate; or
 - (b) the family of the individual who would be the subject of the certificate.

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6 Section 80 amended (Contents of birth certificates generally)

After section 80(3)(e)(a), insert:

- (d) ~~section 92A~~ (which allows the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a certificate);
- (aa) **section 78A** (which provides for registered information to be omitted from a birth certificate):

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- 7 Section 81 amended (Contents of birth certificate issued after correction of information in birth record)**
After section 81(6), insert:
- (7) This section is subject to ~~section 92A~~ (which allows the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a certificate) section 78A (which provides for registered information to be omitted from a birth certificate). 5
- 8 Section 83 amended (Contents of adopted person’s birth certificate)**
After section 83(3), insert:
- (3A) Subsection (3) is subject to ~~section 92A~~ (which allows the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a certificate) section 78A (which provides for registered information to be omitted from a birth certificate). 10
- 9 Section 84 amended (Contents of death certificate)**
In section 84, insert as subsection (2):
- (2) This section is subject to ~~section 92A~~ (which allows the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a certificate) section 78A (which provides for registered information to be omitted from a death certificate). 15
- 10 Section 85 amended (Contents of marriage or civil union certificate)**
After section 85(3), insert:
- (4) This section is subject to ~~section 92A~~ (which allows the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a certificate) section 78A (which provides for registered information to be omitted from a marriage certificate or a civil union certificate). 20
- 11 Section 86 amended (Contents of name-change certificate)**
After section 86(2), insert:
- (3) Subsection (1) is subject to ~~section 92A~~ (which allows the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a certificate) section 78A (which provides for registered information to be omitted from a name-change certificate). 25
- 12 New section 90A inserted (Registrar-General may supply historical information in bulk)**
After section 90, insert: 30
- 90A Registrar-General may supply historical information in bulk**
- (1) The Registrar-General may enter into an agreement with an organisation to supply any of the historical information specified in section 90 in bulk to that organisation.

- (2) The agreement may authorise the organisation to make the information supplied under the agreement available to search on an Internet site maintained by or on behalf of that organisation.
- 13 ~~Section 92 amended (Registrar-General may provide access to information or document unless restriction applies)~~** 5
~~Before section 92(2)(a), insert:~~
 (aaa) **~~section 92A~~** (which allows the Registrar-General to omit registered information from a certificate); and
- 14 ~~New section 92A inserted (Registrar-General may omit registered information from certificate)~~** 10
~~After section 92, insert:~~
- 92A ~~Registrar-General may omit registered information from certificate~~**
~~The Registrar-General may omit registered information from a birth, death, name change, marriage, or civil union certificate if the Registrar-General is satisfied there is a good reason to do so.~~ 15
- 15 ~~Section 110 amended (Any reference to “illegitimate” deemed to be deleted)~~**
~~Replace section 110(2) with:~~
- (2) Despite subsection (1), the Registrar-General may provide or make available information or printouts under section 92 or 97(3) that include a notation that is deemed to be expunged and deleted under subsection (1). 20
- 16 ~~Section 120 amended (Registrar-General may provide information for statistical purposes or for health, historical, or demographic research)~~**
~~In section 120(5), replace “subsection (2)(b)(ii)” with “subsection (2)(c)”.~~
- 17 ~~New section 128A inserted (Registrar-General’s other powers of inquiry in relation to information provided for notices of marriage)~~** 25
~~After section 128, insert:~~
- 128A ~~Registrar-General’s other powers of inquiry in relation to information provided for notices of marriage~~**
- (1) The Registrar-General may require a person who verifies information by appearing personally before the Registrar under section 23(2A)(b) of the Marriage Act 1955 to make a statutory declaration in support of the information. 30
- (2) The Registrar-General may require a person who verifies information by giving notice to the Registrar under section 23(3) of the Marriage Act 1955 to make a statutory declaration in support of the information. 35

17A Section 138 amended (False statements)

Replace section 138(1)(d) with:

- (d) knowingly makes, or causes to be made, any statement that the person knows to be false and intends to be misleading in connection with—
- (i) a request to omit registered information from a certificate under **section 78A**; or
 - (ii) a request for a non-disclosure direction under section 102;

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Part 2**Repeal of Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981 and revocation of Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958**

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Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981 repealed

18 Repeal of Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981

The Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981 (1981 No 28) is repealed.

Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958 revoked

19 Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958 revoked

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The Boxing and Wrestling Regulations 1958 (SR 1958/72) are revoked.

Consequential amendment to Search and Surveillance Act 2012

20 Principal Act

Section 21 amends the Search and Surveillance Act 2012.

21 Consequential amendment to principal Act

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Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 1 of Schedule 5**.

Part 3**Amendments to Charities Act 2005 and regulations made under that Act**

Amendments to Charities Act 2005

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22 Principal Act

Sections 23 22A to 25 amend the Charities Act 2005.

22A Section 8 amended (Establishment, functions, duties, and powers of Board)

After section 8(6), insert:

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(6A) The functions, duties, and powers of the Board are not affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board.

23 Section 27 amended (Search of register)

- (1) In section 27(1), replace “this Act or regulations” with “any regulations relating to access to the register”. 5
- (2) Repeal section 27(2).

24 Sections 28 and 29 repealed

Repeal sections 28 and 29.

24 Section 28 repealed (Search purposes)

Repeal section 28. 10

24A Section 29 amended (When search constitutes interference with privacy of individual)

In section 29, replace “sections 27 and 28” with “section 27”.

25 New section 58VA inserted (Online publication of information about procedures, time frames, and progress of decisions) 15

After section 58V, insert:

58VA Online publication of information about procedures, time frames, and progress of decisions

The following information must be published on an Internet site maintained by or on behalf of the chief executive of the Ministry of Justice: 20

- (a) information about the purpose of the Authority and how to commence a proceeding:
- (b) any requirements that must be met to bring a proceeding:
- (c) guidelines on how and when parties may obtain information on the progress of their case and when a decision may be expected. 25

Amendment to Charities (Fees and Other Matters) Regulations 2006

26 Principal regulations

Section 27 amends the Charities (Fees and Other Matters) Regulations 2006.

27 Regulation 8 revoked (Search criteria for register of charitable entities)

Revoke regulation 8. 30

Part 4 Amendments to Citizenship Act 1977

- 28 Principal Act**
This Part amends the Citizenship Act 1977.
- 29 Section 15 amended (Renunciation of citizenship)** 5
In section 15(4), delete “or section 8A”.
- 30 Section 24 amended (General provisions as to certificates and other documents)**
After section 24(3), insert:
- (3A) Subsection (3) does not apply to a New Zealand citizen by descent who later acquires New Zealand citizenship by grant in relation to the certificate that confirms their citizenship by descent. 10
- 31 Amendments to principal Act to update gender references**
Amend the principal Act as set out in **Schedule 1**.

Part 5 15 Amendments to Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012 and regulations made under that Act

Amendments to Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012

- 32 Principal Act**
Sections 33 to 40 amend the Electronic Identity Verification Act 2012. 20
- 33 New section 5A inserted (Transitional, savings, and related provisions)**
After section 5, insert:
- 5A Transitional, savings, and related provisions**
The transitional, savings, and related provisions set out in **Schedule 1AA** have effect according to their terms. 25
- 34 Section 7 amended (Interpretation)**
In section 7, definition of **participating agency**, after “section 67”, insert “or by the chief executive under **section 52A**”.
- 35 Section 34 amended (Suspension of processing of application or electronic identity credential)** 30
After section 34(1)(b), insert:
- (c) the department makes an error in processing an application; or

- (d) the department requires more information in order to process an application.

36 New section 52A inserted (Participating agencies)

After section 52, insert:

- 52A Participating agencies** 5
- (1) The chief executive may, on the application of a body, office, or officer, declare any of the following to be a participating agency for the purposes of this Act:
- (a) a government department named in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975: 5
- (b) an organisation named in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975: 10
- (c) a local organisation named in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975: 10
- (d) a court or tribunal specified in an order made under section 6 of the Electronic Courts and Tribunals Act 2016: 15
- (e) any other organisation, whether part of the State services or not: 15
- (f) a statutory office or statutory officer established or appointed by or under an Act administered by a body referred to in **paragraphs (a) to (e)**. 15
- (2) The chief executive may, by declaration,— 20
- (a) on the application of a replacement body, office, or officer, replace a participating agency with another participating agency: 20
- (b) replace the name of a participating agency and substitute another name in recognition of a change in the participating agency's name: 20
- (c) revoke a participating agency's status as a participating agency. 25
- (3) The chief executive may make a declaration under **subsection (1) or (2)(a)** if satisfied it is appropriate to do so after having regard to the following: 25
- (a) the nature of the proposed participating agency's undertaking or activity and whether the proposed participating agency has a genuine need to become a participating agency in carrying out that undertaking or activity: 30
- (b) the proposed participating agency's policies and practices in relation to— 30
- (i) the security of information; and 35
- (ii) the privacy of individuals: 35
- (c) any other matter that the chief executive considers to be relevant. 35
- (4) The chief executive may make a declaration under **subsection (2)(c)** if satisfied it is appropriate to do so, for any reason, including if— 35

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the agency has persistently failed to comply with— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the standards and specifications set by the chief executive under section 47; (ii) a reporting requirement under section 48; or (b) the agency’s use of electronic identity credentials or electronic identity photographs has been suspended by the chief executive for an indefinite period under section 49. 	5
<p>(5) The chief executive must—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) maintain a list of participating agencies, including classes of bodies, offices, or officers that have been declared to be participating agencies under section 67; and (b) publish that list on an Internet site that is under the chief executive’s control in an electronic form that is publicly accessible (at all reasonable times) and free of charge. 	10
37 Section 67 amended (Regulations relating to participating agencies)	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) In section 67(1), replace “declaring any of the following to be a participating agency” with “declaring members of a class of any of the following to be participating agencies”. (2) Repeal section 67(2) to (4). 	
38 Section 68 repealed (When Minister may recommend certain regulations relating to participating agencies)	20
Repeal section 68.	
39 Sections 73 to 75 and cross-heading above section 73 repealed	
Repeal sections 73 to 75 and the cross-heading above section 73.	
40 New Schedule 1AA inserted	25
Insert the Schedule 1AA set out in Schedule 2 of this Act as the first schedule to appear after the last section of the principal Act.	
<i>Amendments to Electronic Identity Verification Regulations 2013</i>	
41 Principal regulations	
Sections 42 and 43 amend the Electronic Identity Verification Regulations 2013.	30
42 Regulation 4 amended (Participating agencies)	
Revoke regulation 4(1)(q).	
43 Schedule 1 revoked	
Revoke Schedule 1.	35

Part 6
Amendments to Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act
1993 and regulations made under that Act

Amendments to Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993

44	Principal Act	5
	Sections 45 to 58 58A amend the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.	
45	Section 2 amended (Interpretation)	
	(1) In section 2, repeal the definition of Board of Review or Board .	
	(2) In section 2, definition of Chief Censor , delete “of Film and Literature”.	10
	(3) In section 2, definition of Classification Office , replace “Office of Film and Literature Classification” with “Classification Office”.	
	(4) In section 2, definition of Deputy Chief Censor , delete “of Film and Literature”.	
	<u>(4A)</u> In section 2, definition of labelling body , replace “approved” with “appointed”.	15
	(5) In section 2, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:	
	overseas authority means an overseas agency, body, or person	
	Review Board or Board means the Classification Review Board established by section 91	20
45A	Section 9 amended (Applications for issue of label)	
	Replace section 9(3)(b) with:	
	(b) the fee prescribed in regulations made under section 149 (if any).	
46	Section 39 amended (Register of classification decisions made on or after 1 October 2012)	25
	(1) Replace section 39(4) with:	
	(4) The Chief Censor must enter the decision information in the register,—	
	(a) in the case of a decision notified by the Classification Office under section 38(1) or by the Board under section 55(1)(c), within 5 working days after the notification:	30
	(b) in the case of a decision by the Classification Office in respect of a film for which a direction is given under section 36(1) or (1A), as soon as is reasonably practicable after the direction is given:	
	(c) in any other case, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the decision is made.	35

- (4A) **Subsection (4B)** applies if,—
- (a) in respect of a film submitted or referred to the Classification Office under section 12 or 46E(3), the Classification Office or the Board examined the film; and
 - (b) the classification applicant has requested, in writing, to the Chief Censor that registration of the decision information be delayed until a date specified in their request (the **specified date**). 5
- (4B) Despite **subsection (4)**, the Chief Censor must not enter the decision information in the register before the specified date, unless they are satisfied that entry earlier than the specified date is necessary in the public interest. 10
- (2) After section 39(6), insert:
- (7) In this section,—
- classification applicant** means,—
- (a) in relation to a film submitted to the Classification Office under section 12, the person who applied to the labelling body under section 9(1) in respect of that film; or 15
 - (b) in relation to commercial video on-demand content referred to the Classification Office under section 46E(3), the specified CVoD provider that referred that content under that provision
- decision information** means the information specified in subsection (3). 20
- 47 Section 47 amended (Right of review)**
- Replace section 47(3) and (3A) with:
- (3) An application for the leave of the Secretary under subsection (2)(e) must be made in the prescribed manner.
 - (3A) The Secretary must grant an application for leave under subsection (2)(e) unless the Secretary is satisfied that doing so would not be in the public interest. 25
- 47A Section 72 amended (Approval of labelling body)**
- (1) In the heading to section 72, replace “**Approval**” with “**Appointment**”.
 - (2) In section 72(1), replace “Subject to this section, the Minister may from time to time, on application made to the Minister in accordance with section 73, approve any body or organisation” with “The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, appoint a body or an organisation”. 30
 - (3) Replace section 72(2) with:
 - (2) An appointment under this section— 35
 - (a) takes effect—
 - (i) on the date on which the relevant notice is published in the Gazette; or

- (ii) if a later date is specified in the notice, that later date; and
- (b) continues to have effect until it is revoked under section 75.
- (4) In section 72(3), replace “grant an approval” with “appoint a body or an organisation”.
- (5) In section 72(4), replace “shall not approve a body or organisation” with “may not appoint a body or an organisation”. 5
- (6) Replace section 72(4)(a) with:
- (a) the body or organisation has given, in writing, its consent to the appointment; and
- (7) Repeal section 72(5). 10
- 47B Section 73 repealed (Application for approval as labelling body)**
Repeal section 73.
- 47C Section 74 amended (Community representatives)**
- (1) In section 74(2)(a), replace “approving any body or organisation” with “appointing a body or an organisation”. 15
- (2) In section 74(4), replace “approval” with “appointment”.
- 47D Section 75 replaced (Revocation of approval)**
Replace section 75 with:
- 75 Revocation of appointment of labelling body**
- (1) The Minister may, at any time, by notice in the *Gazette*, revoke the appointment of a body or an organisation as the labelling body. 20
- (2) The notice must specify the date on which the revocation takes effect, which must be at least 6 months after the date on which the notice is published in the *Gazette*.
- (3) Before making a notice, the Minister must give the labelling body an opportunity to be heard. 25
- 48 Cross-heading above section 76 replaced**
 Replace the cross-heading above section 76 with:
- Classification Office*
- 49 Section 76 amended (Office of Film and Literature Classification)** 30
- (1) Replace the heading to section 76 with “**Classification Office**”.
- (2) In section 76(1) and (2), replace “Office of Film and Literature Classification” with “Classification Office”.

50 Section 81 amended (Term of office)

In section 81(1), replace “section 80” with “section 80(1)”.

51 Section 87 replaced (Chief Censor may delegate powers)

Replace section 87 with:

- 87 Chief Censor may delegate powers and functions** 5
- (1) The Chief Censor may delegate any of their powers and functions under this Act to—
- (a) the Deputy Chief Censor, except this power of delegation (but *see* **section 87A**); and
 - (b) a classification officer, except the powers and functions under the following provisions:
 - (i) section 13(3):
 - (ii) section 22A:
 - (iii) section 46G:
 - (iv) section 46H: 15
 - (v) section 46I:
 - (vi) section 85:
 - (vii) this section:
 - (viii) section 150A:
 - (ix) clause 2 of Schedule 1. 20
- (2) The delegation—
- (a) must be in writing; and
 - (b) may be made either generally or in relation to a particular case or class of cases.
- (3) The Chief Censor may impose restrictions or conditions on the delegation. 25
- (4) Subject to any restrictions or conditions that the Chief Censor imposes, the person to whom any powers or functions are delegated under this section may exercise those powers or perform those functions in the same manner, subject to the same restrictions, and with the same effect as if they had been directly conferred on them by this Act and not by delegation. 30
- (5) A person acting under delegation under this section must, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be presumed to be acting within the terms of the delegation.
- (6) The Chief Censor may revoke or amend a delegation made under this section at any time. 35
- (7) A delegation made under this section—

- (a) continues in force until it is revoked; and
- (b) does not affect or prevent the exercise of a power or performance of a function by the Chief Censor.
- (8) If the Chief Censor ceases to hold office, the delegation continues to have effect as if made by the Chief Censor’s successor in office. 5
- 87A Deputy Chief Censor may subdelegate powers and functions**
- (1) The Deputy Chief Censor may, with the prior approval of the Chief Censor, subdelegate specified powers and functions to a classification officer.
- (2) **Section 87(2) to (8)** applies, with any necessary modifications, to a subdelegation made under this section as if the subdelegation were a delegation under **section 87**. 10
- (3) In this section, **specified powers and functions** means powers and functions delegated to the Deputy Chief Censor under **section 87(1)(a)**, but not the powers and functions specified in **section 87(1)(b)**.
- 52 Cross-heading above section 91 replaced** 15
- Replace the cross-heading above section 91 with:
- Classification Review Board*
- 53 Section 91 amended (Film and Literature Board of Review)**
- (1) Replace the heading to section 91 with “**Classification Review Board**”.
- (2) In section 91, replace “Film and Literature Board of Review” with “Classification Review Board”. 20
- 54 Section 100 amended (Meetings of Board)**
- In section 100(1), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”.
- 55 Section 145A amended (Extraterritorial jurisdiction for certain offences as required by Optional Protocol)** 25
- (1) In section 145A(1), replace “**child pornography**” with “**child sexual abuse material**”.
- (2) In section 145A(1), after the definition of **child pornography**, insert:
- Guidance note**
- The definition of child sexual abuse material is based on the definition of child pornography in Article 2(c) of the Optional Protocol. 30
- (3) In section 145A(2), replace “child pornography” with “child sexual abuse material”.

56 Section 145C amended (Offences deemed to be included in extradition treaties)

- (1) In section 145C(1), replace “child pornography” with “child sexual abuse material”.
- (2) In section 145C(5), replace “**child pornography**” with “**child sexual abuse material**”. 5

57 New sections 145D to 145F and cross-heading inserted

After section 145C, insert:

Disclosure of information by Department of Internal Affairs

145D Disclosure of information to overseas authority for enforcement purposes 10

- (1) The purpose of this section is to facilitate the disclosure of information by the Secretary to an overseas authority for the purpose of assisting the authority to carry out its functions relating to, or involving, the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution, or punishment of offences.
- (2) The Secretary may, for the purpose of this section, disclose any information to an overseas authority— 15
 - (a) in accordance with a written agreement entered into between the Secretary and the overseas authority that complies with **subsection (4)**; or
 - (b) in accordance with **subsection (5)**.
- (3) Before entering into a written agreement under this section or varying any such agreement, the Secretary must consult the Privacy Commissioner. 20
- (4) For the purposes of **subsection (2)(a)**, a written agreement must specify— 25
 - (a) the particular type or class of information to be disclosed; and
 - (b) how the information is to be used by the overseas authority to assist with the carrying out of its functions; and
 - (c) the form in which the information is to be disclosed; and
 - (d) the safeguards that are to be applied for protecting personal information or commercially sensitive information that is disclosed; and
 - (e) the requirements relating to storage and disposal of the information; and
 - (f) the circumstances (if any) in which the information may be disclosed by the overseas authority to another specified agency and how that disclosure may be made. 30
- (5) The Secretary may disclose information to an overseas authority without a written agreement if— 35
 - (a) the functions of the overseas authority include the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution, or punishment of offences that are, or if committed in New Zealand would be,—

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="margin-left: 40px;">(i) relevant offences as defined in section 145A(1); or <li style="margin-left: 40px;">(ii) other offences under this Act punishable by imprisonment; and (b) the information is disclosed subject to conditions stating— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the use that the overseas authority may make of the information; and (ii) either— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) that the overseas authority must not disclose the information to any other agency, body, or person; or (B) that the overseas authority may disclose the information, or part of it, to a specified agency, body, or person subject to certain conditions; and (c) the Secretary makes and keeps a record of— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the information that was disclosed; and (ii) the overseas authority or authorities to which it was disclosed; and (iii) the conditions subject to which it was disclosed. 	<p>5</p> <p>10</p> <p>15</p>
<p>(6) The Privacy Commissioner may, at intervals of not less than 12 months, require the Secretary to undertake a review of 1 or both of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an agreement entered into under this section and the arrangements for disclosure under that agreement: (b) the disclosure of information under subsection (5) during a period specified by the Privacy Commissioner. 	<p>20</p>
<p>(7) The Secretary must undertake a review required by the Privacy Commissioner under subsection (6) and, as soon as practicable after concluding that review, report the findings of the review to the Privacy Commissioner.</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>(8) This section does not limit the general powers of the Secretary to enter into agreements not related to the disclosure of information with any overseas authority.</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>(9) In this section,—</p> <p>information means information held by the Department of Internal Affairs for the purposes of this Act</p> <p>personal information means information about an identifiable person.</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>145E Publication of agreement entered into under section 145D</p>	
<p>(1) An agreement entered into under section 145D, and all variations of it, must be published on an Internet site maintained by, or on behalf of, the Department of Internal Affairs.</p>	<p>35</p>
<p>(2) However, subsection (1) does not apply to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an agreement or a variation of an agreement that may be withheld on a request under the Official Information Act 1982: 	

- (b) a provision of an agreement or a variation of an agreement that may be withheld on a request under the Official Information Act 1982.
- (3) If, in reliance on **subsection (2)(a)**, the agreement or a variation of the agreement is not published, a summary of the agreement or variation of the agreement must be published on an Internet site maintained by, or on behalf of, the Department of Internal Affairs. 5
- 145F Relationship between section 145D and other legislation, instruments, etc**
- Nothing in **section 145D** limits or prevents the disclosure of information that is—
- (a) authorised or required under any treaty, agreement, or arrangement concluded by the Government of New Zealand; or 10
- (b) authorised or required under any other enactment; or
- (c) permitted under any other enactment.
- 58 Section 147 amended (Printed matter to be marked with name and address of publisher or wholesale distributor)** 15
- In section 147(4), delete “of Justice”.
- 58A Schedule 1AA amended**
- In Schedule 1AA,—
- (a) insert the Part set out in **Schedule 2A** of this Act as the last Part; and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments. 20
- Amendments to Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994*
- 59 Principal regulations**
- Sections 60 to 72** amend the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994. 25
- 60 Regulation 11A amended (Steps referred to in regulation 11(3))**
- In regulation 11A(1), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”.
- 61 Regulation 11C amended (Symbols used in table in regulation 11B)**
- In regulation 11C(2)(a), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”.
- 62 Regulation 17 amended (Labels issued at direction of Classification Office or Board of Review)** 30
- (1) In the heading to regulation 17, replace “**Board of Review**” with “**Review Board**”.

- (2) In regulation 17(1) and (3), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board” in each place.
- 63 Regulation 18AAE amended (Classification symbols for commercial video on-demand content)**
In regulation 18AAE(1)(a), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”. 5
- 64 Regulation 18A amended (Labels issued at direction of Classification Office or Board of Review under section 36A(2) of Act)**
- (1) In the heading to regulation 18A, replace “**Board of Review**” with “**Review Board**”.
- (2) In regulation 18A(1), (2), and (3), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”. 10
- 65 Regulation 20A amended (Labels must be displayed, etc, in manner specified in relevant condition under section 27(4)(a) of Act)**
In regulation 20A(1)(a) and (b), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”. 15
- 66 Regulation 35 amended (Register of Classification Decisions)**
In regulation 35(1), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board” in each place.
- 67 Regulation 35A amended (Film database)**
Replace regulation 35A(2) with: 20
- (2) The Classification Office must add details to or update the details in the database of films,—
- (a) if **section 39(4B)** of the Act applies, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the Chief Censor enters the decision information in the register under that provision: 25
- (b) in any other case, as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving a notice under regulation 16(3), 18AA(3), or 18AAD(2) or issuing a direction under section 36 of the Act.
- 68 Regulation 43 amended (Application for leave of Secretary to apply for review)** 30
In regulation 43(1)(b)(i) and (d), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”.
- 69 Regulation 61C amended (Symbols used in table in regulation 61B)**
In regulation 61C(2)(a), replace “Board of Review” with “Review Board”.

- 70 Schedule 1 amended**
 In Schedule 1, notes,—
 (a) replace “Office of Film and Literature Classification” with “Classification Office” in each place; and
 (b) replace “Film and Literature Board of Review” with “Classification Review Board”. 5
- 71 Schedule 1A amended**
 In Schedule 1A, note,—
 (a) replace “Office of Film and Literature Classification” with “Classification Office”; and 10
 (b) replace “Film and Literature Board of Review” with “Classification Review Board”.
- 72 Schedule 2 amended**
 In Schedule 2, form 1 heading and paragraph 1, replace “Film and Literature Board of Review” with “Classification Review Board”. 15
- Consequential amendment to Broadcasting Act 1989*
- 73 Principal Act**
Section 74 amends the Broadcasting Act 1989.
- 74 Consequential amendment to principal Act**
 Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 2 of Schedule 5**. 20
Consequential-amendment amendments to Crown Entities Act 2004
- 75 Principal Act**
Section 76 amends the Crown Entities Act 2004.
- 76 Consequential-amendment amendments to principal Act**
 Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 2 of Schedule 5**. 25
Consequential-amendment amendments to Ombudsmen Act 1975
- 77 Principal Act**
Section 78 amends the Ombudsmen Act 1975.
- 78 Consequential-amendment amendments to principal Act**
 Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 2 of Schedule 5**. 30

*Consequential amendment to Remuneration Authority Act 1977***79 Principal Act****Section 80** amends the Remuneration Authority Act 1977.**80 Consequential amendment to principal Act**Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 2 of Schedule 5**.

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Part 7**Amendments to Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 and regulations made under that Act***Amendments to Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017***81 Principal Act**

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Sections 82 to 85 amend the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017.**82 Section 81 amended (Interpretation in this Part)**(1) In section 81(1), repeal the definitions of **personal property**, **property**, and **residential land**.(2) In section 81(1), replace the definition of **residential property** with:

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residential property means real property that is composed of—

(a) 1 or more dwellings; and

(b) ~~any appurtenant structure for that dwelling or those dwellings (such as a garage or garden shed); and~~

(c) any other real property or class of real property that is used solely or principally for residential purposes, including the following real properties or classes of real property if used solely or principally for residential purposes:

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(i) land:

(ii) ~~an apartment building;~~

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(ii) a building or part of a building or other immovable structure such as a garage or garden shed;

(iii) a bridge, a culvert, or a retaining wall and its support system:

(iv) service infrastructure;

(v) ~~a building or another immovable structure that is used to house service infrastructure (such as a shed housing a pump that supplies drinking water to a house)~~

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(3) In section 81(1), insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

~~appurtenant structure, in relation to a dwelling or dwellings, means a building or another immovable structure, or part of a building or another immovable structure,—~~

- ~~(a) that is not part of the dwelling or dwellings; and~~
- ~~(b) that is appurtenant to the dwelling or dwellings; and~~
- ~~(c) that is used by the owners or other occupants of the dwelling or dwellings for household purposes (such as parking or storage) or for access to the dwelling or dwellings~~

dwelling has the meaning given in **section 81A**

household property—

- (a) means personal property that—
 - (i) is located in or on residential property; or
 - (ii) is usually located in or on residential property but is temporarily removed from the residential property; but
- (b) does not include property used solely or principally for commercial purposes

service infrastructure means a structure or other fixture used to provide water supply, drainage, sewerage, gas, electricity, heating, or telecommunications

83 New section 81A inserted (Meaning of dwelling)

After section 81, insert:

81A Meaning of dwelling

- (1) A building or part of a building is a **dwelling** if—
 - (a) it is self-contained with the facilities necessary for day-to-day living on an indefinite basis (including somewhere to cook, sleep, live, wash, and use a toilet); and
 - (b) 1 or more of the following apply to it:
 - (i) it is used by 1 or more persons to live in as their home;
 - (ii) it is used by 1 or more persons as their holiday home;
 - (iii) it is capable of being, and is intended by its owner to be, used for a purpose set out in **subparagraph (i) or (ii)**.
- (2) A building, or part of a building, is also a **dwelling** if it is used to provide long-term accommodation for the elderly.
- (3) A building, or part of a building, that meets the criteria in **subsection (1)** or the criterion in **subsection (2)** is a dwelling even if it is used some of the time to provide temporary or transient accommodation.

<i>Some facilities in separate building</i>	
(4)	A building, or part of a building, may meet the criteria in subsection (1)(a) even if some of the facilities referred to in that paragraph are in an an appurtenant <u>a separate</u> structure, provided that they are for the exclusive use of the owners or other occupants of the dwelling. 5
Example	
A holiday home whose toilet is in an outhouse may be a dwelling. A holiday home that is a cabin in a campground, where the occupants rely on a toilet in a shared ablution block, would not be a dwelling.	
<i>Dwelling that is not a building</i> 10	
(5)	If a vehicle (including a motor vehicle, trailer, boat, or aircraft) or structure (or part of a vehicle or structure) that is not ordinarily considered to be a building is immovable,—
(a)	it is taken to be a building (or part of a building); and
(b)	it is a dwelling if it meets the criteria in subsection (1) . 15
Example	
A caravan that is permanently fixed to piles, is connected to power, water, and sewerage services, and is being used on an indefinite basis as a person's home may be a dwelling.	
<i>Large-scale accommodation</i> 20	
(6)	A building, or part of a building, is not a dwelling under subsection (1) (even if it meets the criteria in that subsection) if—
(a)	it is used to provide accommodation on a scale larger than is typical for use as the home of a single household; and
(b)	it is not intended by the owner to be used as the home of a single household. 25
Examples	
<i>Example 1</i>	
A university or boarding school hostel that accommodates 100 people in dormitories with communal living and dining areas is on a scale larger than a typical family home, so is unlikely to be a dwelling. 30	
<i>Example 2</i>	
A large family home that is the home for a single household is a dwelling even if it has extensive facilities for visitors.	
<i>Example 3</i> 35	
A house where occupants rent an individual room and share communal facilities is also likely to be a dwelling because it is on the scale of a single household home even though it is not currently being used as such.	

Clarifying uncertainty

- (7) To avoid doubt, a building, or part of a building, is not a home or holiday home (and is therefore not a dwelling under **subsection (1)**) if—
- (a) it is used to provide temporary or transient accommodation, being accommodation that is ordinarily provided for periods of less than 28 days at a time (such as a hotel or motel); or 5
 - (b) it provides accommodation for persons who are not living there voluntarily (such as a prison); or
 - (c) it is used primarily for a purpose other than accommodation (such as a hospital or an emergency care facility). 10

84 Section 141 amended (Levy regulations)

In section 141(3)(a)(ii), (b)(ii), and (c)(ii), replace “personal property” with “household property”.

85 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1,— 15

- (a) insert the Part set out in **Schedule 3** of this Act as the last Part; and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

*Amendments to Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Levy) Regulations 2024***86 Principal regulations**

Sections 87 to 92 amend the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Levy) Regulations 2024. 20

87 Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In regulation 3, definition of **mixed-use property**, replace “1 or more household units” with “residential property”. 25
- (2) In regulation 3, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:
residential percentage has the meaning given in regulation 13(2)

88 Regulation 7 amended (Rate of levy payable for residential property)

- (1) In regulation 7(1) and (2), replace “a residential property” with “residential property”.
- (2) In regulation 7(2), after “\$107.40”, insert “per dwelling”. 30

89 Regulation 8 amended (Rate of levy payable for personal property)

- (1) Replace the heading to regulation 8 with “**Rate of levy payable for household property**”.
- (2) In regulation 8(1) and (2), replace “personal property” with “household property”. 35

- (3) In regulation 8(2), after “\$21.48”, insert “per dwelling in or on which the household property is, or is usually, located”.

90 Regulation 13 amended (Rate of levy payable for mixed-use property)

- (1) In regulation 13(a), replace “if 50% or more of the total area of the property is taken up by a household unit or households units,” with “if the residential percentage of the property is 50% or more,”. 5

- (2) In regulation 13(a)(i), replace “household unit” with “dwelling”.

- (3) In regulation 13(b), replace “if less than 50% of the total area of the property is taken up by a household unit or household units,” with “if the residential percentage of the property is less than 50%,”. 10

- (4) In regulation 13, insert as ~~subclause (2)~~ subclauses (2) and (3):

- (2) The **residential percentage** is calculated as follows:

$$r = [(d + a) \div b] \times 100$$

where—

r is the residential percentage 15

d is the total floor area of the dwelling or dwellings of the mixed-use property

a is the total floor area of any ~~appurtenant structures for the dwelling or dwellings of the mixed-use property~~ ancillary residential property of the mixed-use property 20

b is the total floor area of each building or structure of the mixed-use property, excluding any floor area of a building or structure that is available for use by, or is for the benefit of, all the owners or other occupants of that building or structure (such as the floor area of a foyer, corridor, or an elevator) mixed-use common property. 25

- (3) For the purposes of **subclause (2)**,—

ancillary residential property means a building or another immovable structure, or part of a building or another immovable structure, of a mixed-use property—

(a) that is not part of a dwelling; and 30

(b) that is available for use by the owner or occupant of a dwelling, either exclusively or in common with owners or occupants of any other dwelling in the mixed-use property,—

(i) for residential purposes such as parking, storage, or to house service infrastructure; or 35

(ii) for access to the dwelling or dwellings; and

(c) that is not mixed-use common property

mixed-use common property means, in relation to a building or structure of a mixed-use property, the parts of the building or structure that are available for the common use of—

- (a) an owner or occupant of a dwelling of which the mixed-use property is composed; and 5
- (b) an owner or occupant of any other class of property of which the mixed-use property is composed.

91 Regulation 14 amended (Sum for which mixed-use property is insured may be apportioned)

Replace regulation 14(1) with: 10

- (1) This regulation applies in relation to a mixed-use property if the residential percentage of the property is less than 50%.

92 Regulation 15 amended (Rate of levy payable for mixed-use property if sum for which property is insured is apportioned)

- (1) Replace regulation 15(1) with: 15

- (1) This regulation applies in relation to a mixed-use property if the residential percentage of the property is less than 50% and the policyholder provides the insurer with a valuation under regulation 14.

- (2) In regulation 15(2)(a)(i), after “regulation 14(4)”, insert “, subject to a maximum of \$107.40 per dwelling”. 20

Part 8

Amendments to Gambling Act 2003 and revocation of regulations made under that Act

Amendments to Gambling Act 2003

93 Principal Act 25

Sections 94 to 116 amend the Gambling Act 2003.

94 Section 4 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In section 4(1), repeal the definitions of **approved surety, existing licensed promoter’s licence, licensed promoter, licensed promoter’s agreement, and licensed promoter’s licence.** 30

- (2) In section 4(1), definition of **key person**, repeal paragraph (c).

95 Section 32 repealed (Existing gaming machine licences and site approvals)

Repeal section 32.

- 96 Section 35 amended (Application for class 3 operator’s licence)**
Repeal section 35(2)(c).
- 97 Section 52 amended (Grounds for granting class 4 operator’s licence)**
In section 52(4)(a)(ii), replace “a casino licence, or a licensed promoter’s licence” with “or a casino licence”. 5
- 98 Section 68 amended (Determining suitability for class 4 venue licence)**
In section 68(1)(a)(ii), replace “a casino licence, or a licensed promoter’s licence” with “or a casino licence”.
- 99 Section 86 amended (Holder of class 4 operator’s licence must connect to electronic monitoring system)** 10
Replace section 86(1)(a) with:
- (a) all gaming machines—
 (i) under the holder’s control; and
 (ii) in a class 4 venue; and
- 100 Section 92 amended (Limit on number of gaming machines for which class 4 venue licence held on 17 October 2001)** 15
In section 92(3), delete “, and the models and serial numbers of the gaming machines,”.
- 101 Section 93 amended (Limit on number of gaming machines for which class 4 venue licence granted after 17 October 2001 but before commencement)** 20
In section 93(8), delete “, and the models and serial numbers of the gaming machines,”.
- 102 Section 95 amended (Ministerial discretion to permit more gaming machines if clubs merge)**
- (1) Replace section 95(1)(c) with: 25
- (c) can each demonstrate that they intend to merge into a single club operating at—
 (i) a single class 4 venue; and
 (ii) if applicable, 1 or more other venues that are not class 4 venues; and 30
- (2) In section 95(1)(f), replace “for the venue” with “for the proposed class 4 venue”.
- (3) In section 95(1)(f), replace “at the venue” with “at that venue”.
- (4) In section 95(2) and (5), after “proposed”, insert “class 4”.

- 103 Section 102 amended (Adoption and review of class 4 venue policy)**
 Replace section 102(4) with:
- (4) After adopting, amending, or replacing a policy, a territorial authority must, as soon as practicable, publish it on an internet site maintained by or on behalf of that territorial authority. 5
- 104 Subpart 6 of Part 2 repealed**
 Repeal subpart 6 of Part 2.
- 105 Section 224 amended (Functions of Gambling Commission)**
 Repeal section 224(1)(h).
- 106 Section 271 and cross-heading repealed** 10
 Repeal section 271 and the cross-heading above section 271.
- 107 Section 296 and cross-heading repealed**
 Repeal section 296 and the cross-heading above section 296.
- 108 Section 301 amended (Age restriction on instant games and similar games)**
- (1) In the heading to section 301, replace “instant games” with “New Zealand lottery”. 15
- (2) In section 301(1)(a), delete “an instant game that is”.
- (3) Repeal section 301(1)(b).
- 109 Section 313 amended (Regulations relating to harm prevention and minimisation)** 20
 After section 313(1)(i), insert:
- (ia) prescribing the use of pre-commitment, player tracking, or other harm-minimisation devices, technology, or systems in or associated with gambling equipment:
- 110 Section 314 amended (Regulations relating to gaming machines in class 4 venue)** 25
 Repeal section 314(1)(ga).
- 111 Section 334 amended (Power of gambling inspector to enter and demand information)**
 In section 334(1)(b), delete “or a licensed promoter’s licence”. 30
- 112 Section 350 and cross-heading repealed**
 Repeal section 350 and the cross-heading above section 350.

- 113 Section 364 amended (Notification)**
In section 364(2), delete “207(1), 209(2),”.
- 114 Section 372 amended (Consultation before regulation)**
In section 372(1), delete “219,”.
- 115 Section 377 repealed (Decisions during transitional period)** 5
Repeal section 377.
- 115A Schedule 1AA amended**
- (1) In Schedule 1AA, replace the cross-heading above clause 1 with:
- Part 1**
Transitional provisions relating to Gambling Amendment Act (No 2)
2015
- (2) In Schedule 1AA,—
- (a) insert the Part set out in **Schedule 3A** as the last Part; and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments.
- 116 Schedule 6 amended** 15
- (1) In Schedule 6, repeal the items relating to sections 203(6) and 213.
- (2) In Schedule 6, item relating to section 301(1), replace “an instant game” with “a New Zealand lottery”.
- Gambling (Licensed Promoters) Regulations 2005 revoked*
- 117 Gambling (Licensed Promoters) Regulations 2005 revoked** 20
The Gambling (Licensed Promoters) Regulations 2005 (SR 2005/185) are revoked.
- Part 9**
Amendments to Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act
2003 25
- 118 Principal Act**
This Part amends the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.
- 119 Section 53 amended (Interpretation)**
In section 53(1), definition of **investigation**, repeal paragraph (a).

120 Section 61 amended (Minister may authorise disclosure of information)

In section 61(1)(b), delete “a Royal Commission, or a commission of inquiry appointed by an Order in Council made under the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908, or”.

Part 10

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Amendments to Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004**121 Principal Act**

This Part amends the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004.

121A Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

In section 5, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

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address means—

- (a) the full street address of the place where a person usually lives; or
- (b) the person’s electronic address

122 Section 47 amended (Providers must obtain and accept information about donors)

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Replace section 47(2) with:

- (2) ~~The provider must, if satisfied that the information is accurate, accept any information that is offered by the donor or the donor’s personal representative that updates or corrects any of the information about the donor obtained under subsection (1). supplies if—~~

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- (a) the provider is satisfied that the information—
 - (i) updates or corrects information about the donor obtained under subsection (1); and
 - (ii) is accurate; and

- (b) the provider is satisfied about the identity of the person supplying the information.

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- (3) For the purposes of **subsection (2)**, a donor’s personal representative includes,—

- (a) if the donor has married or entered into a civil union or de facto relationship, a person acting on behalf of the donor under a power of attorney or another written authority;
- (b) if the donor has died, the executor, administrator, or trustee of the donor’s estate.

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123 Section 52 amended (Providers must keep track of donor offspring births)

In section 52, insert as subsection (2):

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- (2) The Registrar-General may tell a provider the total number of donor offspring births recorded for a donor if asked to do so by the provider.

Part 11

Amendments to Inquiries Act 2013

- 124 Principal Act** 5
This Part amends the Inquiries Act 2013.
- 125 Section 12 amended (Reporting by inquiry)**
- (1) In section 12(3), replace “The” with “Subject to **subsections (4) and (5)**, the”.
- (2) After section 12(3), insert: 10
- (4) If the appropriate Minister considers that presentation of the final report of a public inquiry in accordance with subsection (3) would interfere with the administration of justice, including a person’s right to a fair trial, the Minister may—
- (a) present a report that excludes the information that would interfere with the administration of justice; or 15
- (b) delay presentation of the report.
- (5) The Minister must present the complete final report to the House of Representatives as soon as practicable after the Minister considers that presentation of the report will no longer interfere with the administration of justice. 20
- 126 Schedule 1 amended**
- In Schedule 1, repeal the items related to the following:
- (a) Land Drainage Act 1908:
- (b) Legal Services Act 2011:
- (c) Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1915: 25
- (d) Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1917:
- (e) Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1920: 30
- (f) River Boards Amendment Act 1913:
- (g) Rotorua Borough Act 1922:
- (h) Shipping Act 1987.

Part 12 Amendments to Land Drainage Act 1908

Amendments to Land Drainage Act 1908

- 127 Principal Act**
Sections ~~128 and 129~~ 127A to 129A amend the Land Drainage Act 1908. 5
- 127A Section 2 amended (Interpretation)**
In section 2, repeal the definition of **public notice** or **advertisement**.
- 128 Section 15 repealed (United districts)**
Repeal section 15.
- 128A Section 49 amended (Accounts and audit)** 10
In section 49(5), delete “in one or more newspapers circulating in the district”.
- 129 Section 65 repealed (Governor-General may fix amount to be paid by local authority towards cost of works)**
Repeal section 65.
- 129A Section 80 amended (Provision in case of diversion of outfall)** 15
- (1) In section 80(1), replace “published by advertisement, once at least in each of 3 successive weeks, in some local newspaper circulating in the district” with “publicly notified every week for 3 consecutive weeks”.
- (2) In section 80(2), replace “appears in the newspaper” with “is publicly notified”. 20
- Consequential amendment to Local Legislation Act 1930*
- 130 Principal Act**
Section 131 amends the Local Legislation Act 1930.
- 131 Consequential amendment to principal Act**
Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 3 of Schedule 5**. 25
- Consequential amendment to Local Legislation Act 1931*
- 132 Principal Act**
Section 133 amends the Local Legislation Act 1931.
- 133 Consequential amendment to principal Act**
Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 3 of Schedule 5**. 30

Part 13 Amendment to Legal Services Act 2011

134 Principal Act

This Part amends the Legal Services Act 2011.

135 Section 7 amended (Proceedings for which legal aid may be granted: civil matters) 5

Replace section 7(5)(h) with:

(h) proceedings of an inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2013.

Part 14 Amendment to Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 10

136 Principal Act

This Part amends the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

137 Section 3 amended (Disqualifying contracts between local authorities and their members)

In section 3(1), replace "\$25,000" with "\$100,000 (excluding goods and services tax)". 15

Part 14A Amendment to Local Electoral Act 2001

137A Principal Act

This Part amends the Local Electoral Act 2001. 20

137B Section 14 amended (Rules applying to electoral officers, deputy electoral officers, and other electoral officials)

After section 14(2), insert:

(2A) A declaration made under subsection (2) must be witnessed as follows:

(a) in the case of a declaration by an electoral officer or a deputy electoral officer, by a person authorised under section 9 or 11 of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 to take declarations: 25

(b) in the case of a declaration by an electoral official, by any of the following:

(i) an electoral officer: 30

(ii) a deputy electoral officer:

(iii) a person authorised under section 9 or 11 of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 to take declarations.

Part 15

Amendment to Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009

138 Principal Act

This Part amends the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009.

139 Section 16 amended (Decision-making responsibilities of local boards) 5

In section 16(1)(c), replace “section 24” with “section 150B of the Local Government Act 2002”.

Part 15A

Amendments to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 10

139A Principal Act

This Part amends the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

139B Section 2 amended (Interpretation)

In section 2(1), repeal the definition of publicly notified. 15

139C Section 39 amended (Ombudsman may require publication of summary of report)

In section 39(3), delete “and in such newspapers”.

139D Section 46 amended (Meetings of local authorities to be publicly notified) 20

Replace section 46(3) with:

- (3) If an extraordinary or emergency meeting of a local authority is called and cannot be publicly notified in the manner required or permitted by subsections (1) and (2), the local authority must give public notice of the meeting and the general nature of business to be transacted at that meeting as soon as practicable before the meeting is held. 25

139E Section 46A amended (Availability of agendas and reports)

After section 46A(3), insert:

- (3A) For the purposes of subsections (2) and (3), an agenda or associated report may be made available for inspection at the specified locations if access is provided at those locations to an Internet site where the agenda or report is available. 30

Part 16
Amendments to Marriage Act 1955 and regulations made under that Act

Amendments to Marriage Act 1955

140	Principal Act	5
	Sections 141 to 143 amend the Marriage Act 1955.	
141	Sections 12 and 13 replaced	
	Replace sections 12 and 13 with:	
12	Renewal of list	
	If a person’s name is contained in the list and that person intends to continue to act as a marriage celebrant in the following year,—	10
	(a) the person must apply to the Registrar-General by the time determined by the Registrar-General for their name to be re-entered in the list; and	
	(b) sections 8, 10, and 11, as appropriate, apply as if that application was for the original entry of the person’s name in the list.	15
13	Ceasing to be marriage celebrant	
	(1) A person ceases to be a marriage celebrant if—	
	(a) the person fails to apply to the Registrar-General in accordance with section 12 ; or	
	(b) the person resigns in writing to the Registrar-General; or	20
	(c) the Registrar-General cancels the person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant under section 13A .	
	(2) If subsection (1)(a) applies, the person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant ceases on the date that the renewed list comes into force (<i>see</i> section 7(3)).	25
	(3) If subsection (1)(b) applies,—	
	(a) the Registrar-General must remove the person’s name from the list and publish a correction to the list to that effect in the <i>Gazette</i> ; and	
	(b) the person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant ceases on the date that the correction is published under paragraph (a) .	30
	(4) If subsection (1)(c) applies,—	
	(a) the Registrar-General must remove the person’s name from the list and publish a correction to the list to that effect in the <i>Gazette</i> on the date specified in section 13A(4) ; and	
	(b) the person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant ceases on that date.	35

- 13A Registrar-General may cancel entitlement to act as marriage celebrant**
- (1) The Registrar-General may cancel a person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant if the Registrar-General is not satisfied that—
- (a) the person is of good character; or
 - (b) the person will conscientiously perform the duties of a marriage celebrant under this Act and under the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021; or
 - (c) it is in the interests of the public generally or of a particular community (whether defined by geography, interest, belief, or some other factor) that the person is a marriage celebrant.
- (2) The Registrar-General may not cancel a person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant under **subsection (1)** without first—
- (a) giving the person notice that the Registrar-General is proposing to cancel the entitlement; and
 - (b) giving the person reasonable time to make a submission on the proposal; and
 - (c) considering any submission made by the person within that time.
- (3) The Registrar-General must give notice in writing of the following decisions to the person to whom the decision relates:
- (a) a decision to cancel a person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant;
 - (b) a decision not to proceed with a proposed cancellation of a person’s entitlement to act as a marriage celebrant.
- (4) A notice under **subsection (3)(a)** must specify the date on which the cancellation takes effect, which must be a date that is at least 5 days after the date on which the notice is sent to the person.
- 142 Section 23 amended (Notice of marriage)**
- (1) In section 23(2A)(b), replace “and making a statutory declaration” with “in a manner specified by the Registrar-General (*see also* **section 128A** of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021)”.
- (2) Replace section 23(3) with:
- (3) However, if the 2 parties to an intended marriage are ordinarily resident outside New Zealand, the requirements of subsections (1) and (2A)(b) are satisfied if one of the parties gives notice to the Registrar in a manner specified by the Registrar-General (*see also* **section 128A** of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021).
- 143 Section 41 amended (Certificate of no impediment to person intending foreign marriage)**
- Repeal section 41(2)(a).

*Amendments to Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Regulations
1995*

- 144 Principal regulations**
Sections 145 to 148 amend the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Regulations 1995. 5
- 145 Regulation 3 amended (Forms)**
Revoke regulation 3(e).
- 146 New regulation 5 inserted (Information required for application for certificate of no impediment)**
After regulation 4, insert: 10
- 5 Information required for application for certificate of no impediment**
For the purposes of section 41(2)(b) of the Act, the prescribed information for an application for a certificate of no impediment is specified in **Schedule 3**.
- 147 Schedule 1 amended**
In Schedule 1, revoke form 5. 15
- 148 New Schedule 3 inserted**
After Schedule 2, insert the **Schedule 3** set out in **Schedule 4** of this Act.

Part 17

Amendments to Passports Act 1992

- 149 Principal Act** 20
This Part amends the Passports Act 1992.
- 150 Section 9 amended (Cancellation of passport on other grounds)**
- (1) Replace section 9(1A) with:
- (1A) A holder of a New Zealand passport may apply to the Minister to cancel that passport. 25
- (1B) An application under **subsection (1A)**—
- (a) must be made in a declaration in a manner approved by the Secretary; and
- (b) must— 30
- (i) state that the passport has been lost, stolen, damaged, or defaced; or
- (ii) state that the information contained in the passport has been stolen or otherwise compromised; or

- (iii) otherwise request that the passport be cancelled.
- (1C) If a holder of a New Zealand passport makes a declaration under **subsection (1B)**, the Minister may cancel that passport.
- (2) In section 9(2), replace “(1A)” with “**(1C)**”.
- 151 Section 23 amended (Issue of emergency travel document)** 5
After section 23(2), insert:
- (2A) The Minister may, on application to the Minister in the form provided by the Secretary, issue an emergency travel document to a person—
- (a) who wishes to travel immediately; but
- (b) to whom a New Zealand passport is unable to be issued under this Act because of a failure or malfunction relating to the production of the passport. 10

Part 18

Amendments to Public Records Act 2005

- 152 Principal Act** 15
This Part amends the Public Records Act 2005.
- 153 Section 11 amended (Functions and duties of Chief Archivist)**
After section 11(1)(c)(iii), insert:
- (iv) to authorise the ~~disposal~~ destruction of public archives that pose a risk to the physical health and safety of any person under **section 20A**; and 20
- 154 Section 12 amended (Chief Archivist to act independently)**
In section 12, after “20(1),”, insert “**20A(1) and (4), 26A(2)**”.
- 155 Section 13 amended (Delegations by Chief Archivist)**
Replace section 13(1)(a)(ii) with: 25
- (ii) protected records; or
- (iii) public archives that pose a risk to the physical health and safety of any person by destruction under **section 20A**; and
- 156 Section 15 amended (Function of Archives Council)**
After section 15(1)(a)(iii), insert: 30
- (iiia) the destruction of public archives that pose a risk to the physical health and safety of any person under **section 20A**:

156A Section 19 amended (Registers)

Before section 19(1)(a), insert:

- (aaa) a register of public records sold under section 20(1)(d); and
 (aab) a register of public archives destroyed under **section 20A**, together with the reasons for the destruction; and

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157 Section 20 amended (Authority to dispose of public records)

(1) After section 20(2), insert:

(2A) Before authorising the sale of a public record under subsection (1)(d), the Chief Archivist may require the public office that proposes to sell the record to first provide a copy of that record to the Chief Archivist.

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(2) After section 20(4), insert:

(5) A public record sold under subsection (1)(d) must be noted in the register of public records sold, in accordance with **section 19(1)(aaa)**.

158 New sections 20A and 20B and cross-heading inserted

After section 20, insert:

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20A Authority to ~~dispose of~~ destroy public archives

(1) The Chief Archivist may authorise in writing the destruction of a public archive only if ~~the public archive poses a risk to the health and safety of any person.~~—

(a) the public archive poses a risk to the physical health and safety of any person; and

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(b) the Chief Archivist considers that there is no reasonable way to mitigate the risk.

(2) Before authorising the destruction of a public archive under **subsection (1)**, the Chief Archivist must—

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(a) obtain the Minister's written approval; and

(b) give not less than 30 days' notice, in the manner the Chief Archivist considers appropriate, of—

(i) ~~the intention to dispose of~~ destroy the public archive, with a general description of the public archive concerned; and

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(ii) the place where additional information may be obtained on the public archive concerned and the person to whom any comments may be sent.

(3) The Minister may, on the advice of the Archives Council given on the recommendation of the Chief Archivist, approve under **subsection (2)(a)** the destruction of a public archive.

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- (4) The Chief Archivist may authorise the immediate destruction of a public archive under **subsection (1)** without complying with **subsection (2)** if there is imminent danger to the physical health and safety of any person.
- (5) If the Chief Archivist authorises the immediate destruction of a public archive in accordance with **subsection (4)**, the Chief Archivist must, as soon as practicable, notify— 5
- (a) the Minister; and
- (b) the Archives Council.
- (6) A public archive destroyed under this section must be noted in the register of destroyed public archives, in accordance with **section 19(1)(aab)**. 10

Sale

20B Sale of public records

A public record that is sold under section 20(1)(d)—

- (a) becomes the property of the person to whom it is sold; and
- (b) ceases to have status as a public record ~~and~~ or to be subject to this Act. 15

159 Section 24 amended (Temporary return of public archives to controlling public office)

In section 24, insert as subsections (2) and (3):

- (2) The Chief Archivist may elect, at the Chief Archivist's sole discretion, to return a public archive to a public office in electronic form only. 20
- (3) The Chief Archivist may direct a public office to return or delete a public archive provided under **subsection (2)**.

160 New section 26A and cross-heading inserted

After section 26, insert:

Amendment of public archive 25

26A Authority to amend public archive

- (1) No person may amend a public archive, ~~whether in the possession of a public body or the Chief Archivist~~, except in accordance with **subsection (2)**.
- (2) The Chief Archivist may authorise the amendment of a public archive by way of notation or addition of new material by providing express approval in writing, subject to such conditions and limitations as the Chief Archivist thinks fit. 30
- (3) A person making an amendment in accordance with an authorisation given under **subsection (2)** must mark the amendment with—
- (a) the date of the amendment; and
- (b) the person's signature, full name, and designation. 35

161 Section 51 amended (Appeal to Minister by public office or by local authority)

In section 51(1)(c), after “an exemption under section 30”, insert “or **section 60A**”.

162 New section 60A inserted (Overseas exemptions)

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After section 60, insert:

60A Overseas exemptions

(1) ~~A public office operating overseas under a multinational arrangement may request an exemption from compliance with an obligation under this Act.~~

(2) ~~The Chief Archivist may grant such an exemption on the terms and conditions (if any) that the Chief Archivist thinks appropriate, including exempting a public office from past or future obligations under this Act.~~

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(3) ~~The administrative head of the public office in respect of which a decision is taken under **subsection (2)** may appeal against the decision under section 51.~~

(4) ~~For the purposes of this section, a public office is **operating overseas under a multinational arrangement if—**~~

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(a) ~~the public office has an arrangement with a country other than New Zealand, including any State, territory, province, or other part of a country, under which some or all of the public office’s record keeping is controlled or managed by that country; or~~

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(b) ~~the public office has an arrangement with an organisation operating internationally, where some or all of the public office’s record keeping is controlled or managed by that organisation; or~~

(c) ~~the public office has previously operated, or intends to operate in the future, under an arrangement described in **paragraph (a) or (b)**.~~

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163 Section 65 amended (Transitional provisions)

Replace section 65(2)(e) with:

(e) an approval given or deposit made under section 19(1) of the Archives Act 1957, as if the approval were given and the deposit were made under section 26 of this Act, but so that all records subject to the approval or deposit are treated as public records, not public archives, for the purposes of this Act:

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Part 19
**Amendment to Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public
 Bodies Empowering Act 1915**

- Amendment to Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies
 Empowering Act 1915* 5
- 164 Principal Act**
Section 165 amends the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1915.
- 165 Section 38 repealed (Modifying agreements in Schedule to Port Ahuriri-Westshore Road and Railway Act 1914)** 10
 Repeal section 38.
- Consequential amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public
 Bodies Empowering Act 1917*
- 166 Principal Act**
Section 167 amends the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1917. 15
- 167 Consequential amendments to principal Act**
 Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 4 of Schedule 5**.

Part 20
**Amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public
 Bodies Empowering Act 1917** 20

- 168 Principal Act**
 This Part amends the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1917.
- 169 Section 61 repealed (Legalizing and facilitating the construction of a second slip at Evans Bay, Wellington)** 25
 Repeal section 61.
- 170 Section 110 repealed (Commission to inquire as to proposed alteration of boundaries of Hokianga and other counties)**
 Repeal section 110. 30
- 171 Section 129 repealed (Validation of river-protection works at Taumarunui)**
 Repeal section 129.

172 Schedule 5 repealed

Repeal Schedule 5.

Part 21

**Amendments to Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public
Bodies Empowering Act 1920**

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173 Principal Act

This Part amends the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1920.

174 Section 91 repealed (Governor-General may appoint a Commission to report as to the boundaries of certain counties)

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Repeal section 91.

175 Section 108 repealed (Authorizing Governor-General to constitute Palmerston North River District)

Repeal section 108.

Part 22

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Amendment to River Boards Amendment Act 1913

176 Principal Act

This Part amends the River Boards Amendment Act 1913.

177 Section 4 amended (Lands benefited may be included in river district)

In section 4(4), replace “a Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908” with “an inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2013”.

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Part 23

Amendments to Rotorua Borough Act 1922

Amendments to Rotorua Borough Act 1922

178 Principal Act

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Sections 179 and 180 amend the Rotorua Borough Act 1922.

179 Section 9 repealed (Governor-General in Council may vest works in the Council)

Repeal section 9.

- 180 Section 10 repealed (Provisions as to payment by Council to Crown in respect of vesting of works)**
Repeal section 10.
Consequential amendment to Local Legislation Act 1936
- 181 Principal Act** 5
Section 182 amends the Local Legislation Act 1936.
- 182 Consequential amendment to principal Act**
Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 5 of Schedule 5**.
- Part 24**
- Amendments to other Acts relating to public notice** 10
- Subpart 1—Amendments to Dog Control Act 1996**
- 183 Principal Act**
This subpart amends the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 184 Section 10A amended (Territorial authority must report on dog control policy and practices)** 15
- (1) In section 10A(3)(a), delete “, as defined in section 5(1) of the Local Government Act 2002,”.
- (2) In section 10A(3)(b), replace “that Act” with “the Local Government Act 2002”.
- 185 Section 37 amended (Territorial authority to set fees)** 20
In section 37(6), delete “in a newspaper circulating in its district”.
- 186 Section 68 amended (Pound fees)** 25
In section 68(2), replace “, at least 14 days before the resolution comes into effect, in a newspaper circulating in the district of the territorial authority” with “at least 14 days before the resolution comes into effect”.
- Subpart 2—Amendment to Freedom Camping Act 2011**
- 187 Principal Act**
This subpart amends the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
- 188 Section 11B amended (Requirements relating to bylaws made under sections 10A to 11A)** 30
In section 11B(5), repeal the definition of **publicly notified**.

Subpart 3—Amendments to Impounding Act 1955

189 **Principal Act**

This subpart amends the Impounding Act 1955.

190 **Section 2 amended (Interpretation)**

In section 2(1), repeal the definition of **public notice** and **publicly notify**. 5

191 **Section 46 amended (Notice to owner of stock impounded)**

(1) In section 46(2), replace “shall insert a notice in the prescribed form in 1 or more newspapers circulating in the district” with “must give public notice”.

(2) In section 46(2), replace “of the first publication of the notice in a newspaper” with “on which public notice was given”. 10

Subpart 4—Amendments to Local Government Act 1974

192 **Principal Act**

This subpart amends the Local Government Act 1974.

193 **Section 2 amended (Interpretation)**

In section 2(1), replace the definition of **public notice**, **published**, and **publicly notified** with: 15

public notice has the meaning given to it by section 13 of the Legislation Act 2019

194 **Section 187 amended (Notice of alteration of tax)**

In section 187(a), delete “, which shall be published in newspapers circulating in the tax area.” 20

195 **Schedule 10 amended**

In Schedule 10, clause 14, replace “published in a newspaper circulating in the district” with “publicly notified”.

196 **Schedule 13 amended** 25

In Schedule 13, clause 1, replace “publish in the district a” with “give public”.

Subpart 5—Amendment to Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

Amendment to Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

197 **Principal Act**

Section 198 amends the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. 30

198 Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

In section 5, repeal the definition of **public notice**.

Consequential amendment to Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020

199 Principal Act

Section 200 amends the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020. 5

200 Consequential amendment to principal Act

Amend the principal Act as set out in **Part 4A of Schedule 5**.

Subpart 6—Amendments to River Boards Act 1908

201 Principal Act

This subpart amends the River Boards Act 1908. 10

202 Section 2 amended (Interpretation)

In section 2, after the definition of **Town lands**, delete the paragraph defining published, and publicly notified, and public notice.

203 Section 114 amended (Audit Office to audit)

In section 114(5), delete “in one or more newspapers circulating in the district”. 15

Schedule 1

Amendments to Citizenship Act 1977 to update gender references

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Section 2

In section 2(3)(c), replace “he” with “the person”. 5

Section 3

In section 3(2)(a), (aa), (b), and (ba), replace “he or she” with “the person” in each place.

In section 3(2B), replace “a person is deemed to be the child of a person entitled to be in New Zealand indefinitely” with “a person (**person A**) is deemed to be the child of a person entitled to be in New Zealand indefinitely (**person B**)”. 10

In section 3(2B)(a) and (b), replace “he or she” with “person A”.

In section 3(2B)(a) and (b), replace “a person” with “person B”.

In section 3(2B)(d), replace “the person” with “person A”.

In section 3(2B)(e), replace “the person ceases to be deemed to be the child of the person entitled to be in New Zealand indefinitely” with “person A ceases to be deemed to be the child of person B”. 15

In section 3(3), replace “the death of his” with “the death of the person’s”.

In section 3(3), replace “his or her” with “their”.

In section 3(4) and (5), replace “he or she” with “the parent”. 20

In section 3(4) and (5), replace “him or her” with “the parent”.

In section 3(4) and (5), replace “his or her” with “their”.

Section 6

In section 6(2), replace “his birth” with “the person’s birth”.

In section 6(2)(a) and (b), replace “his father” with “the person’s father”. 25

In section 6(2)(a), replace “of his parents” with “the father nor the mother”.

In section 6(6), replace “his or her” with “their”.

Section 7

In section 7(1)(a) and (b), replace “his or her” with “the person’s”.

In section 7(2), replace “his or her” with “their”. 30

Section 8

In section 8(1)(d), replace “he or she” with “the person”.

In section 8(5)(b), (6)(b), and (9)(b), replace “his or her” with “the applicant’s”.

Section 10

In section 10(1), replace “him” with “the Minister”.

In section 10(1), replace “his” with “the person’s”.

In section 10(2), replace “his or her” with “their”.

Section 12

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In section 12(3) and (4)(a), replace “he” with “the person”.

Section 13

In section 13(3)(a) and (b), replace “his” with “the person’s” in each place.

In section 13(4)(a), replace “that person or his relevant parent” with “the person or the person’s relevant parent”.

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In section 13(4)(b), replace “his” with “the person’s”.

Section 14

In section 14(b), replace “his” with “the person’s”.

Section 15

In section 15(1), replace “his” with “their”.

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Section 16

In section 16, replace “his” with “the person’s”.

In section 16, replace “he” with “the Minister”.

In section 16(b), replace “him” with “the person”.

Section 17

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In section 17(2), replace “his” with “their”.

In section 17(2), replace “he” with “the Minister”.

Section 19

In section 19(1)(a) and (c), replace “he” with “the Minister”.

In section 19(1)(b), replace “he considers that he has” with “the Minister considers that they have”.

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In section 19(1)(d), replace “his” with “the person’s”.

In section 19(2) and (3), replace “him” with “the person”.

Section 20

In section 20, replace “he” with “the person”.

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Section 21

In section 21(1) and (3), replace “he or she” with “the person”.

Section 22

In section 22(1), replace “his” with “the Minister’s”.

In section 22(2), replace “him” with “them”.

Section 23

In section 23(1), replace “he” with “the person”.

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In section 23(2)(a), replace “he is” with “they are”.

In section 23(2)(d), replace “him” with “the person”.

Section 26A

In section 26A(3), replace “his or her” with “the Secretary’s”.

In section 26A(3), replace “himself or herself” with “the Secretary”.

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In section 26A(5A), replace “his or her” with “the person’s”.

Section 27

In section 27(1)(a)(i), replace “he or she” with “the person”.

Schedule 2
New Schedule 1AA inserted into Electronic Identity Verification Act
2012

s 40

Schedule 1AA
Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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s 5A

Part 1
Provisions relating to Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs)
Amendment Act 2025

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1 Interpretation

In this Part,—

amendment Act means the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2025

commencement date means the date on which the amendment Act comes into force under **section 2(1)** of that Act

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regulations means the Electronic Identity Verification Regulations 2013.

2 Participating agencies

Despite the revocation of Schedule 1 of the regulations by **section 43** of the amendment Act, the bodies, offices, and officers listed in that schedule immediately before its revocation must be treated as having been declared by the chief executive to be participating agencies under **section 52A(1)**.

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3 List of agencies published under section 52A

The chief executive must publish the list of participating agencies required by **section 52A(5)** within 10 working days after the commencement date, and that list must include—

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- (a) the classes of bodies, offices, and officers declared to be participating agencies in regulation 4 of the regulations; and
- (b) the bodies, offices, and officers listed in Schedule 1 of the regulations.

Schedule 2A
New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1AA of Films, Videos, and
Publications Classification Act 1993

s 58A

	<u>Part 2</u>	5
	<u>Provisions relating to Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs)</u> <u>Amendment Act 2025</u>	
5	<u>Interpretation</u>	
	In this Part,—	
	<u>amendment Act</u> means the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2025	10
	<u>commencement date</u> means the date on which the amendment Act comes into force under <u>section 2(1)</u> of that Act	
	<u>existing labelling body</u> means the body or organisation approved as the labelling body under old section 72 immediately before the commencement date	15
	<u>new section</u> means the specified section as amended by the amendment Act	
	<u>old section</u> means the specified section as in force immediately before being amended by the amendment Act.	
6	<u>Existing labelling body continues as labelling body</u>	
	The existing labelling body continues to be the labelling body on and after the commencement date as if it had been appointed under new section 72.	20
7	<u>Revocation of appointment of existing labelling body</u>	
(1)	This clause applies in respect of a revocation of the appointment of the existing labelling body.	
(2)	Despite new <u>section 75(2)</u> , the date on which the revocation takes effect may be the date on which, or any date after the date on which, the notice is published in the <i>Gazette</i> .	25
(3)	New <u>section 75(3)</u> does not apply.	
8	<u>Fee for applications for issue of label continues to be set by labelling body until regulations in force</u>	30
	The fee set by the labelling body under old section 9(3)(b) immediately before the commencement date continues to apply until regulations prescribing the fee for an application for the issue of a label in respect of a film come into force.	

Schedule 3
New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1 of Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017

s 85

Part 2	5
Provision relating to Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2025	
52 Transitional levy arrangement continues to apply to certain contracts entered into before 1 July 2026	
(1) Despite clause 23(b), subpart 3 of Part 1 of this schedule continues to apply in respect of—	10
(a) a contract of fire insurance that was entered into on or before 30 June 2026 and is not varied on or after 1 July 2026; and	
(b) a contract of fire insurance that was entered into on or before 30 June 2026 and is varied on or after 1 July 2026 but only if, at the time of the variation, the contract is intended to terminate on or before 30 June 2027; and	15
(c) <u>a contract of contract works insurance that was entered into on or before 30 June 2026 and is varied on or after 1 July 2026 but only if, at the time of the variation, the contract is intended to terminate on or before 30 June 2031.</u>	20
(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), a variation includes a variation that changes the sum insured under the contract.	
(2) <u>In this clause,—</u>	
(a) <u>contract of contract works insurance means a contract of fire insurance that relates primarily to property that is being built or altered; and</u>	25
(b) <u>variation includes, to avoid doubt, a variation that changes the amount for which the property is insured under the contract.</u>	

Schedule 3A**New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1AA of Gambling Act 2003****s 115A(2)****Part 2****Provision relating to Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs)
Amendment Act 2025**

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5 Amendment not to affect certain winning tickets in New Zealand lottery**(1) This clause applies if—**

(a) a gambling operator has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person who has won money or a prize in a New Zealand lottery is under 18 years; 10
and

(b) the winning ticket was purchased before the commencement date.

(2) Section 305(1) applies as if the reference to section 301 were a reference to section 301 as in force immediately before the commencement date.

(3) In this clause, commencement date means the date on which section 108 of the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2025 comes into force. 15

Schedule 4
New Schedule 3 inserted into Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Regulations 1995

s 148

Schedule 3
Information required for certificate of no impediment application

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Details of applicant

- 1 In relation to the applicant,—
- (a) full name; and 10
 - (b) full name at birth (if different from current name); and
 - (c) date of birth; and
 - (d) place of birth; and
 - (e) if the applicant was not born in New Zealand, the year of their arrival in New Zealand; and 15
 - (f) usual residential address (including flat number (if applicable); street number; street name; suburb or rural locality; town, city, or district; and country, if not New Zealand); and
 - (g) contact details; and
 - (h) the reason for the application; and 20
 - (i) in relation to the applicant's parents,—
 - (i) the full name of each parent; and
 - (ii) the full name at birth of each parent (if different from current name); and
 - (iii) whether each parent is living or deceased; and 25
 - (j) in relation to a referee supporting the application,—
 - (i) the referee's full name; and
 - (ii) the referee's usual residential address (including flat number (if applicable); street number; street name; suburb or rural locality; town, city, or district; and country, if not New Zealand); and 30
 - (iii) the referee's contact details; and
 - (k) if previously in a civil union or previously married,—
 - (i) the date and place of each civil union or marriage; and
 - (ii) the date on which each civil union or marriage ended; and

	(iii) how each civil union or marriage ended (for example, by dissolution, divorce, or death of former spouse or partner); and	
	(l) signature; and	
	(m) date of signature.	
	<i>Details of applicant's intended partner</i>	5
2	In relation to the applicant's intended partner,—	
	(a) full name; and	
	(b) nationality; and	
	(c) date of birth; and	
	(d) place of birth.	10
	<i>Details of intended marriage</i>	
3	Place of intended marriage.	

Schedule 5

Consequential amendments

**ss 21, 74, 76, 78, 80, 131, 133, 167,
182, 200**

Part 1

Consequential amendment relating to repeal of Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981 5

Search and Surveillance Act 2012 (2012 No 24)

In the Schedule, repeal the item relating to the Boxing and Wrestling Act 1981.

Part 2

Consequential amendments relating to amendments to Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 10

Broadcasting Act 1989 (1989 No 25)

In section 4(2), delete “of Film and Literature”.

Crown Entities Act 2004 (2004 No 115)

In Schedule 1, Part 3, repeal the item relating to Office of Film and Literature Classification. 15

In Schedule 1, Part 3, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

Classification Office

Ombudsmen Act 1975 (1975 No 9)

In Schedule 1, Part 2, repeal the item relating to Office of Film and Literature Classification. 20

In Schedule 1, Part 2, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

Classification Office

Remuneration Authority Act 1977 (1977 No 110)

In Schedule 4, item relating to the Chief Censor of Film and Literature, delete “of Film and Literature” in each place. 25

Part 3

Consequential amendments relating to amendments to Land Drainage Act 1908

Local Legislation Act 1930 (1930 No 39)

Repeal section 56.

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Local Legislation Act 1931 (1931 No 43)

Repeal section 40.

Part 4

Consequential amendments relating to amendment to Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1915

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Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1917 (1917 No 26)

In section 45(1), delete “or section thirty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1915,”.

In section 45(2), delete “or of section thirty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1915,”.

In section 45(3), delete “section thirty-eight of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1915, and by”.

Part 4A

Consequential amendment relating to amendment to Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

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Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020 (2020 No 47)

Repeal section 51(5).

Part 5

Consequential amendment relating to amendments to Rotorua Borough Act 1922

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Local Legislation Act 1936 (1936 No 54)

Repeal section 33.

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