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as at 30 March 1987**



Time Act 1974

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**An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to fixing the
time for general purposes in New Zealand**

Note

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

This Act is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

1 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Time Act 1974.

2 New Zealand standard time

For the purposes of this Act, and any other Act, the expression **New Zealand standard time** means the time 12 hours in advance of Co-ordinated Universal Time.

Section 2: replaced, on 30 March 1987, by section 2 of the Time Amendment Act 1987 (1987 No 57).

3 Time for general purposes

Except as provided in section 4—

- (a) the time for general purposes in New Zealand, except for the Chatham Islands, shall be New Zealand standard time; and
- (b) the time for general purposes in the Chatham Islands shall be 45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time.

4 New Zealand daylight time

- (1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, declare that for such period or periods as may be prescribed in the Order in Council—
 - (a) the time for general purposes in New Zealand, except for the Chatham Islands, shall be 1 hour in advance of New Zealand standard time; and
 - (b) the time for general purposes in the Chatham Islands shall be 1 hour and 45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time.
- (2) Any period prescribed in any Order in Council made under subsection (1) shall commence at 2 am New Zealand standard time on the day, being a Sunday, specified in the Order in Council, and shall cease at 2 am New Zealand standard time on the day, being a Sunday, specified in the Order in Council or in any subsequent Order in Council.
- (3) During any period that the time for general purposes in New Zealand is determined under the foregoing provisions of this section, that time shall be known as New Zealand daylight time.

5 Effect of commencement and cessation of New Zealand daylight time on pay and allowances

- (1) Where, by reason of the commencement of New Zealand daylight time on the day specified in any Order in Council made under subsection (1) of section 4, the hours worked by any person on that day are less than the hours he would otherwise have worked, the pay and allowances of that person for those hours shall be an amount equal to the amount of the pay and allowances for the hours he would otherwise have worked.
- (2) Where, by reason of the cessation of New Zealand daylight time on the day specified in any Order in Council made under subsection (1) of section 4, the hours worked by any person on that day are in excess of the hours he would otherwise have worked, the pay and allowances of that person for the excess shall be calculated and paid at the appropriate rates for work performed in excess of normal hours.

6 Reference to point of time in enactments, Orders in Council, etc

Wherever any reference to a point of time occurs in any enactment, Order in Council, order, regulation, rule, bylaw, deed, notice, or other document whatsoever, the time referred to shall, unless it is otherwise specifically stated, be deemed to be the time for general purposes in New Zealand as determined under section 3 or, as the case may be, section 4.

7 Repeals

The Standard Time Act 1945 and the Standard Time Amendment Act 1956 are hereby repealed.

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Notes**1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Time Act 1974. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 30 March 1987, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, *see* <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 *Status of reprints*

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 *How reprints are prepared*

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted.

For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint
(most recent first)*

Time Amendment Act 1987 (1987 No 57)
