



New Zealand Flag Referendums Amendment Act 2015

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the New Zealand Flag Referendums Amendment Act 2015.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

Part 1

Amendments to New Zealand Flag Referendums Act 2015

3 Principal Act

This Part amends the New Zealand Flag Referendums Act 2015 (the **principal Act**).

4 Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

In section 5, definition of **option**, paragraph (a), replace “4 alternative flag designs” with “5 alternative flag designs”.

5 Section 13 amended (Alternative flag designs)

- (1) In section 13(1), replace “60 days before the commencement of the voting period for the first flag referendum, prescribe 4 alternative flag designs” with “40 days before the commencement of the voting period for the first flag referendum, prescribe 5 alternative flag designs”.
- (2) In section 13(3), replace “4 alternative flag designs” with “5 alternative flag designs”.

6 Schedule 1 replaced

Replace Schedule 1 with the Schedule 1 set out in the Schedule of this Act.

7 Schedule 4 amended

- (1) In Schedule 4, replace clauses 12 and 13, and the cross-headings above those clauses, with:

Example 1: not unique

12 A voting paper that expresses these preferences—

Option A	1	
Option B	2	
Option C	3	
Option D	2	Not unique
Option E	4	

generates the following preferences for the purposes of counting votes:

First preference	Option A
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Second preference	None
Third preference	None
Fourth preference	None
Fifth preference	None

Example 2: not consecutive

13 A voting paper that expresses these preferences—

Option A	1	
Option B	4	Not consecutive
Option C	5	
Option D	2	
Option E	6	

generates the following preferences for the purposes of counting votes:

First preference	Option A
Second preference	Option D
Third preference	None
Fourth preference	None
Fifth preference	None

(2) In Schedule 4, clause 16, replace “x = 9” with “x = 10”.

Part 2

Amendments to New Zealand Flag Referendums (First Flag Referendum) Order 2015

8 Principal order

This Part amends the New Zealand Flag Referendums (First Flag Referendum) Order 2015 (the **principal order**).

9 Clause 5 revoked

Revoke clause 5.

10 Schedule revoked

Revoke the Schedule.

Schedule Replacement of Schedule 1

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Schedule 1

Voting paper for first flag referendum

s 10(1)

Voting Paper for the 1st Referendum on the New Zealand Flag

INSERT
QR CODE
and NO.

QUESTION:

If the New Zealand flag changes, which flag would you prefer?

Rank flags using the instructions above.

Option A

Option B

Option C

Option D

Option E

WRITE
NUMBER(S)
HERE

Legislative history

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24 September 2015

Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.