



# Oranga Tamariki (Repeal of Section 7AA) Amendment Act 2025

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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

**1 Title**

This Act is the Oranga Tamariki (Repeal of Section 7AA) Amendment Act 2025.

**2 Commencement**

This Act comes into force on 8 April 2025.

Section 2: editorial change made by the PCO, on 9 May 2025, under sections 86(1) and 87(m) of the Legislation Act 2019(2019 No 58).

**Part 1**

**Amendments to Oranga Tamariki Act 1989**

**3 Principal Act**

This Part amends the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989.

**4 Section 4 amended (Purposes)**

In section 4(1)(f), delete “in the way described in this Act”.

**5 Section 7 amended (Duties of chief executive)**

(1) After section 7(2)(g), insert:

- (h) ensure that the department seeks to develop strategic partnerships with iwi and Māori organisations, including iwi authorities, in order to—
- (i) provide opportunities to, and invite innovative proposals from, those organisations to improve outcomes for Māori children, young persons, and their whānau who come to the attention of the department:
  - (ii) set expectations and targets to improve outcomes for Māori children and young persons who come to the attention of the department:
  - (iii) enable the robust, regular, and genuine exchange of information between the department and those organisations:
  - (iv) provide opportunities for the chief executive to delegate functions under this Act or regulations made under this Act to appropriately qualified people within those organisations:
  - (v) provide, and regularly review, guidance to persons discharging functions under this Act to support cultural competency as a best-practice feature of the department’s workforce:

- (vi) agree on any action both or all parties consider is appropriate:
  - (i) consider and respond to any invitation from 1 or more iwi or Māori organisations to enter into a strategic partnership in accordance with paragraph (h) and subsection (7).
- (2) After section 7(6), insert:
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (2)(h) and (i), 1 or more iwi or Māori organisations may invite the chief executive to enter into a strategic partnership.
- 6 Section 7AA repealed (Duties of chief executive in relation to Treaty of Waitangi (Tiriti o Waitangi))**  
Repeal section 7AA.

## Part 2

### Consequential amendments to other legislation

#### Subpart 1—Amendments to Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022

- 7 Principal Act**  
This subpart amends the Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022.
- 8 Section 24 amended (Annual report on outcomes for Māori children and young people and their whānau)**  
Replace section 24(2) with:
- (2) When preparing the report, the Monitor must consider and be informed by any information obtained in accordance with this Act.
- 9 Section 57 amended (Regulations)**  
Replace section 57(1)(e)(i) with:
- (i) the performance of the duties of the chief executive of Oranga Tamariki set out in section 7(2)(h) and (i) of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989; and

#### Subpart 2—Amendments to Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Regulations 2023

- 10 Principal regulations**  
This subpart amends the Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Regulations 2023.

**11 Regulation 6 amended (Matters that must be contained in State of Oranga Tamariki system report)**

Replace regulation 6(1)(d) with:

- (d) an assessment of outcomes being achieved for Māori children and young people and their whānau; and

**12 Regulation 8 amended (Matters that must be contained in annual report for Māori children and young people and their whānau)**

Replace regulation 8(1)(a) and (b) with:

- (a) an assessment of the outcomes being achieved by the chief executive of Oranga Tamariki for Māori children and young people and their whānau; and
- (b) the impact of measures taken by the chief executive of Oranga Tamariki in improving outcomes for Māori children and young people who come to the attention of Oranga Tamariki under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989; and

**Legislative history**

13 May 2024	Introduction (Bill 43–1)
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15 November 2024	Reported from Social Services and Community Committee (Bill 43–2)
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This Act is administered by Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children.