Anzac Day Amendment Act 2026

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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 Anzac Day Amendment Act 2026.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 21 February 2026.

Section 2: editorial change made by the PCO, on 8 March 2026, under sections 86(1) and 87(m) of the Legislation Act 2019 (2019 No 58).

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Anzac Day Act 1966.

4 Section 2 replaced (Anzac Day to be a day of commemoration)

Replace section 2 with:

2 Anzac Day to be day of commemoration

(1) In commemoration of the contribution of all those who have served New Zealand in time of war and in warlike conflicts (including those who died), and of

all those who have died in New Zealand military service, or whose death was connected with New Zealand military service, at any other time, 25 April in each year (being the anniversary of the first landing of troops from New Zealand, Australia, and other allied forces on Gallipoli) is to be known as Anzac Day, and is to be a day of commemoration.

(2) In this section, a person serves in a **warlike conflict** if they serve in response to an armed conflict that has occurred, is occurring, or may occur or recur.

Legislative history

27 March 2025	Introduction (Bill 133–1)
3 April 2025	First reading and referral to Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
23 September 2025	Reported from Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee (Bill 133–2)
10 February 2026	Second reading
11 February 2026	Committee of the whole House
17 February 2026	Third reading
20 February 2026	Royal assent

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