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## Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985 (SR 1985/261)

David Beattie, Governor-General

### Order in Council

At the Government House at Wellington this 7th day of October 1985

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 120B of the Health Act 1956, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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#### Note

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title and commencement

- (1) These regulations may be cited as the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985.
- (2) Except as provided in regulation 19, these regulations shall come into force on 1 January 1986.

### 2 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

**Act** means the Health Act 1956

**camp plan**, in relation to any camping ground, means the plan required to be provided and kept under regulation 4

**camp site** means any area within a camping ground set apart or available or used for the erection or placing thereon of a temporary living place

**camping ground** means any area of land used, or designed or intended to be used, for rent, hire, donation, or otherwise for reward, for the purposes of placing or erecting on the land temporary living places for occupation, by 2 or more families or parties (whether consisting of 1 or more persons) living independently of each other, whether or not such families or parties enjoy the use in common of entrances, water supplies, cookhouses, sanitary fixtures, or other premises and equipment; and includes any area of land used as a camping ground immediately before the commencement of these regulations

**drinking water standards** means the standards made under section 47 of the Water Services Act 2021

**operator**, in relation to any camping ground, means the person to whom a certificate of registration has been granted under regulation 3 in respect of the camping ground, or who is responsible for the daily management of the camping ground

**potable water** means water that—

- (a) is safe to drink; and
- (b) complies with the drinking water standards

**relocatable home** means a structure comprising a group of rooms occupied or intended to be occupied either permanently or temporarily as the living quarters of a single housekeeping unit (whether consisting of 1 or more persons), which is completely self-contained in respect of domestic equipment and facilities and which is designed to be relocatable and is located in a camping ground; but does not include a tent

**relocatable home park** means a camping ground used or intended to be used for relocatable homes, or an area of land within a camping ground used or intended to be used for relocatable homes

**remote camp site** means a camping ground in a national park, State forest, State forest park, or public reserve, or on Crown land

**temporary living place** means a cabin, caravan, vehicle, tent, or other building or structure intended for human habitation for periods not exceeding 50 days in any continuous term of occupancy.

Regulation 2 **drinking water standards**: inserted, on 15 November 2021, by section 206(2) of the Water Services Act 2021 (2021 No 36).

Regulation 2 **potable water**: inserted, on 15 November 2021, by section 206(2) of the Water Services Act 2021 (2021 No 36).

### 3 Registration

- (1) Subject to regulation 14(1), no person shall use or permit to be used any land as a camping ground unless that person is the holder of a current certificate of registration in respect of that land issued by the local authority in accordance with the Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966 (SR 1966/73).
- (2) No local authority shall register or renew the registration of any premises as a camping ground that do not comply with the requirements of these regulations.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966, the local authority may refuse to—
  - (a) grant a certificate of registration in respect of any land; or
  - (b) permit the use of an existing camping ground for a relocatable home park,—

if it is of the opinion that the locality, position, or condition of the land makes it unsuitable for the purpose of a camping ground or a relocatable home park.

### *General requirements*

#### **4 Camp plan**

- (1) For every camping ground there shall be prepared and maintained a camp plan showing the following matters:
  - (a) the position and boundaries of the camping ground:
  - (b) the position and boundaries of every camp site:
  - (c) the number of each camp site:
  - (d) the position of every building, access road, path, cookhouse, caravan drainage point, ablution place, toilet, sewage tank, and disposal system within the camping ground:
  - (e) the position and boundary of any relocatable home park:
  - (f) the position and boundaries of every relocatable home site.
- (2) Two copies of the camp plan shall, if required, be lodged with the local authority on the first application for a certificate of registration, and on any subsequent alteration of the plan.
- (3) The camp plan shall be made available on request at all reasonable times for examination by an inspector.

#### **5 Marking of sites**

The boundaries of every camp site and every relocatable home site shown on the camp plan shall be kept plainly marked to the satisfaction of an inspector, and the number of every camp site shall be permanently displayed on, at, or near, the boundary of each camp site.

#### **6 Camp sites**

- (1) No area shall be used as a camp site unless it—
  - (a) is shown on the camp plan; and
  - (b) is not less than 53 square metres in area; and
  - (c) is not less than 8 metres wide; and
  - (d) is accessible by an all-weather footpath, road, or other access way.
- (2) No temporary living place shall be erected or placed on any camp site within 3 metres of any other temporary living place, or within 1.5 metres of any camp site boundary, as the case may be.
- (3) No building or structure shall be placed on the camp site unless permitted in writing by the local authority.

- (4) Nothing in subclause (2) shall apply to separate temporary living places within a building containing 2 or more such places.

## **7 Cabins**

The floor area of a cabin shall be not less than 7.5 square metres, plus an additional 3.5 square metres for each additional person in excess of 2 that the cabin is designed to accommodate.

## **8 Lighting**

- (1) Lighting shall be provided, to the satisfaction of the local authority, in buildings, at entrances to, and footpaths, roads, and other access ways within, the camping ground.
- (2) The lighting required under subclause (1) shall be kept on during the hours of darkness in the occupied areas of the camp.

## **9 General standards**

- (1) The following requirements shall be complied with:
- (a) the requirements specified in the Schedule:
  - (b) *[Revoked]*
  - (c) the camping ground shall be maintained, at all times, in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the local authority:
  - (d) all rubbish receptacles shall be emptied at least once in every 24 hours when the camping ground is occupied, and all refuse shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner:
  - (e) ablution, kitchen, laundry, and toilet facilities shall at all times be kept clean and in good repair:
  - (f) the camping ground shall be provided with safeguards against fire, and means of escape in case of fire, to the satisfaction of the local authority.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (1)(c), in the event of a conflict between any of the provisions of these regulations and any of the provisions of the bylaws of the local authority, the provisions of these regulations shall prevail.

Regulation 9(1)(b): revoked, on 19 January 1994, by regulation 2 of the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, Amendment No 1 (SR 1993/403).

## **10 Records**

- (1) There shall be provided and maintained records showing the following:
- (a) the name and address of the person occupying any camp site, or the person responsible for the group where there is more than 1 person:
  - (b) the number of the camp site occupied by that person:
  - (c) the date upon which occupation commenced:

- (d) the number of persons occupying each camp site;
  - (e) the date upon which occupation terminated.
- (2) All records kept under this regulation shall be made available on request at all reasonable times for examination by an inspector.

### *Relocatable homes*

#### **11 Site requirements of relocatable home park**

- (1) No relocatable home shall be erected or placed on a relocatable home park site without the written consent of the local authority.
- (2) No relocatable home shall be erected or placed on any site within a camping ground other than on a site that is part of the land set aside as a relocatable home park.
- (3) The relocatable home park shall be separate from that part of the camping ground used for camp sites unless otherwise permitted by the local authority.
- (4) The relocatable home park shall be serviced with reticulated sewerage, storm water drainage, and a reticulated water supply, to the satisfaction of the local authority.

#### **12 Access**

All-weather access from the entrance to the camping ground to the site of every relocatable home shall be provided and maintained to the satisfaction of the local authority.

#### **13 Standard of compliance**

Subject to regulation 14(2), the owner of a relocatable home situated in a relocatable home park shall ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Building Regulations 1992.

Regulation 13: amended, on 19 January 1994, by regulation 3 of the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, Amendment No 1 (SR 1993/403).

### *Miscellaneous provisions*

#### **14 Certificates of exemption**

- (1) Where a local authority is satisfied that undue hardship would be caused by the application of regulation 3 to any camping ground, it may grant the operator a certificate of exemption from such requirements of that regulation as it specifies in that certificate.
- (2) Where a local authority is satisfied that undue hardship would be caused by the application of regulation 13 to any relocatable home, it may grant the owner a certificate of exemption from such requirements of that regulation as it specifies in that certificate.

- (3) A local authority may grant the operator of a remote camp site a certificate of exemption from such requirements of these regulations as it specifies in that certificate.
- (4) A certificate of exemption granted under subclause (1) or subclause (2) or subclause (3) shall have effect for such period as the local authority specifies in that certificate, and may be renewed from time to time, but may not be transferred from the operator, or owner or occupier of a relocatable home, to the succeeding operator, or owner or occupier.

### **15 Duty of local authorities**

- (1) Every local authority shall—
  - (a) enforce the provisions of these regulations within its own district; and
  - (b) cause a regular inspection to be made of all camping grounds.
- (2) Any local authority may cause a regular inspection to be made of all relocatable homes.
- (3) Nothing in subclause (1) shall derogate from any function, power, or duty conferred or imposed on a local authority by any other enactment, or conferred or imposed on any person in the service of the Crown.

### **16 Appeals to medical officer of health**

- (1) An operator who is aggrieved by any decision of the inspector of the local authority under these regulations may appeal in writing to the medical officer of health within 14 days after being notified in writing of the decision of the inspector.
- (2) On hearing the appeal, the medical officer of health may confirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the inspector.
- (3) Every decision of the medical officer of health under this regulation shall be in writing, stating the reasons for that decision, and copies of the decision shall be supplied to the appellant, and to the inspector of the local authority whose decision was the subject of the appeal.

### **17 Appeals to District Court**

- (1) An operator who has had an appeal decided under regulation 16 by a medical officer of health may appeal against that decision to a District Court within 14 days after being notified in writing of that decision.
- (2) No appeal shall lie under subclause (1) against a refusal to register any camping ground or to renew or revoke the registration of any premises, in accordance with the Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966.
- (3) An operator who is aggrieved by a decision of the local authority pursuant to regulation 14(3) may appeal against that decision to a District Court within 14 days after being notified in writing of that decision.

- (4) An appeal under this regulation shall be made by way of an originating application in accordance with the District Courts Rules 2009 (SR 2009/257), and shall be filed in the office of the court nearest to the place of business in respect of which the decision appealed against was made.
- (5) On hearing an appeal brought under this regulation, the court may confirm, reverse, or modify the decision made by the medical officer of health or local authority, and the decision of the court on the appeal shall be final.

Regulation 17(4): amended, on 1 November 2009, pursuant to rule 17.1 of the District Courts Rules 2009 (SR 2009/257).

## **18 Offences**

- (1) Every operator of a camping ground commits an offence against these regulations who—
  - (a) contravenes regulation 3; or
  - (b) fails without reasonable excuse to ensure that the camping ground complies at all times with the requirements of regulations 4(1), 5 to 9, 10(1), and 11 to 13; or
  - (c) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with subclause (2) or subclause (3) of regulation 4 or with regulation 10(2).
- (2) Every owner of a relocatable home commits an offence who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of subclauses (1) and (2) of regulation 11, and regulation 13.

## **19 Transitional provision**

In respect of any land that was being used lawfully immediately before 1 January 1986 as a camping ground, it shall, until 1 September 1986, be sufficient for the purposes of regulation 3(2) if the camping ground complies with all the requirements of the Camping Ground Regulations 1936, so far as they applied to that camping ground immediately before that date.

## **20 Revocations**

The following regulations and notice are hereby revoked:

- Camping Ground Regulations 1936 (SR 1936/89):
- Camping Ground Regulations Extension Notice (No 2) 1949 (SR 1949/124):
- Camping Ground Regulations 1936, Amendment No 1 (SR 1975/64).

## Schedule Standards for camping grounds

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### Part 1 Buildings

The buildings shall be maintained in good repair.

Schedule Part 1: amended, on 19 January 1994, by regulation 4(1) of the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, Amendment No 1 (SR 1993/403).

### Part 2 Water supply

- 1 There shall be an adequate supply of potable water provided to the satisfaction of the local authority.
- 2 There shall be an adequate supply of hot water, provided to the satisfaction of the local authority, to ablution, kitchen, and laundry facilities.
- 3 Water shall be reticulated throughout the camping ground to taps, which shall be located not more than 25 metres from any camp site.
- 4 Water shall be reticulated to every relocatable home site.

Schedule Part 2 clause 1: amended, on 15 November 2021, by section 206(2) of the Water Services Act 2021 (2021 No 36).

### Part 3 Ablution and sanitary fixtures

- 1 Ablution and sanitary fixtures shall be provided in accordance with the following table:

Table  
Numbers of sanitary fixtures

Nature of fixture	Number of fixtures	Maximum number of persons to be served	
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Water closet pans	1	25	12
	2	50	25
	3	100	50
	4		75

Nature of fixture	Number of fixtures	Maximum number of persons to be served	
		Male	Female
	5		100
An additional fixture shall be provided for each 40 persons of either sex, or part thereof.			

Urinals 1 For each 50 males or part thereof  
**Note:** Every 600 mm length of continuous wall urinal shall be the equivalent of 1 urinal stall.

Wash-hand basins	Number of fixtures	Maximum number of persons to be served	
		Male	Female
	1	25	25
	2	50	50
	3	100	100
	4	150	150
	5	200	200
	6	250	250

An additional wash-hand basin shall be provided for each additional 50 persons of either sex, or part thereof.

Showers	Number of fixtures	Maximum number of persons to be served	
		Male	Female
	1	25	25
	2	60	60
	3	100	100
	4	140	140
	5	180	180
	6	220	220

An additional shower shall be provided for each additional 50 persons of either sex, or part thereof.

- 2 It shall be assumed that the persons to be served by the sanitary fixtures consist of equal numbers of either sex, unless the purposes for which the premises are generally used or other special circumstances otherwise require.
- 3 In calculating the occupancy of a camping ground or relocatable home park, no site shall be deemed to accommodate less than 3.5 people.
- 4 Ablution and sanitary fixtures shall be readily accessible, and shall be located not more than 75 metres from any camp site or relocatable home site that they are required to serve.
- 5 Surfaces of internal walls of buildings containing sanitary fixtures shall be constructed of materials that are durable and capable of being readily cleaned.
- 6 Sanitary fixtures, in temporary living places or relocatable homes, for the exclusive use of occupants shall not be counted for the purpose of this schedule.
- 7 Every room or compartment containing a bath, shower, urinal, or water-closet pan shall be so constructed and situated as to ensure the privacy of the user.

## **Part 4**

### **Refuse disposal**

- 1 Refuse containers shall be provided not more than 50 metres from every camp site.
- 2 Refuse containers shall be of either a single-use disposable type, or constructed of metal or other materials that are durable and capable of being readily cleaned, and shall have close-fitting lids.

## **Part 5**

### **Cooking places**

- 1 Cooking places of a type, number, and location shall be provided to the satisfaction of the local authority.
- 2 Each cooking place shall be provided with adequate hot water, sinks, benches, and cooking facilities.
- 3 Surfaces of internal walls of kitchens shall be constructed of materials that are durable and capable of being readily cleaned.

## **Part 6**

### **Laundry facilities**

Clothes washing and drying facilities for the use of campers shall be provided so that the number of fittings is not less than 2 laundry tubs and 1 washing machine for every 200 persons, or part thereof.

## **Part 7**

### **Drainage**

A drainage system for the removal and disposal of foul water, waste water, and storm water shall be provided in accordance with the building code set out in Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations 1992, or to the satisfaction of the local authority, as may be required.

Schedule Part 7: amended, on 19 January 1985, by regulation 4(2) of the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, Amendment No 1 (SR 1993/403).

P G Millen,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.  
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## Notes

### **1** *General*

This is a consolidation of the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

### **2** *Legal status*

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

### **3** *Editorial and format changes*

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

### **4** *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation*

Water Services Act 2021 (2021 No 36): section 206(2)

District Courts Rules 2009 (SR 2009/257): rule 17.1

Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, Amendment No 1 (SR 1993/403)