

**Reprint  
as at 20 March 1987**



**Statutes of the Order of New  
Zealand**  
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**Royal Warrant**

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas We are desirous of signifying Our appreciation of outstanding services to the Crown and People of Our Realm of New Zealand: We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Order of Distinction:

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| Style and Designation | 1 | The Order shall be styled and designated "The Order of New Zealand".                     |
| Membership            | 2 | The Order shall consist of the Sovereign and Ordinary, Additional, and Honorary Members. |

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**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.

Sovereign	3	We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of New Zealand, are and forever shall be Sovereigns of this Order.
Ordinary Membership limited to 20	4	Ordinary Members of this Order shall not exceed 20 in number at any one time.
Honorary Members	5	Honorary Members of this Order shall be additional to the Ordinary Membership.
Additional Ordinary Members	6	It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to admit into this Order Additional Ordinary Members in commemoration of any important Royal, State, or national occasion, and such Additional Members shall not be included within the number of Ordinary Members allotted to this Order.
Persons eligible for Ordinary Membership	7	Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this Order shall be subjects of Our Crown.
Persons eligible for Honorary Membership	8	Persons to be admitted as Honorary Members of this Order shall be citizens of Commonwealth Nations of which We are not Queen or citizens of Foreign Nations.
Qualifications for Membership	9	Persons eligible to be admitted as Ordinary or Honorary Members shall be those who have rendered outstanding service to the Crown and people of New Zealand in a Civil or Military capacity.
Prime Minister to submit names for Appointment	10	No person shall be eligible to be appointed to this Order whose name has not been laid before Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Our Prime Minister of New Zealand or by a Minister of the Crown deputising for Our Prime Minister.

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| Appointments to be made by Warrant                         | 11 | When We, Our Heirs or Successors shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Member of this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Sign Manual, Sealed with the Seal of New Zealand, and counter-signed by Our Prime Minister and the Secretary and Registrar of this Order. |
| Investitures   | 12 | It shall be competent for Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand to perform in Our Name, and on Our behalf, the ceremony of investing Members with the Badge of their Dignity.  |
| Dispensing with investitures                               | 13 | It further shall be competent for Our said Governor-General to authorise some distinguished person to perform in Our Name, and on Our behalf, the ceremony of investing Members with the Badge of their Dignity, or to permit the ceremony of investiture to be dispensed with.                     |
| Appointments to be published in <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> | 14 | The names of those persons appointed to this Order shall be published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> .   |
| Post-nominal letters—ONZ                                   | 15 | Members of this Order shall have the privilege of adding the letters “ONZ” after their names.   |
| Armorial Bearings  | 16 | Members of this Order may suspend a representation of their ribbon and Badge from the bottom of the escutcheon containing their Armorial Bearings.  |
| Badge  | 17 | The Badge to be worn by Members of this Order, which shall be made of gold, shall be oval in shape and shall comprise in the centre a representation of the New Zealand Coat of Arms surrounded by a Kowhaiwhai rafter pattern all in coloured enamel.  |

Ribbon	18	The ribbon of this Order shall be 38 millimetres in width, of ochre with a narrow white stripe towards either edge.
Method of wearing Badge	19	The Badge shall be worn by men suspended from the ribbon around their necks, and in the case of women attached to the ribbon tied in a bow, and worn on the left shoulder.
Order of Wear	20	The Badge of this Order shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be worn after that of Our Order of the Companions of Honour.
Cancellation of Appointments	21	It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order signed by the Sovereign and sealed with the Seal of New Zealand, on a recommendation by Our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown deputising for Our Prime Minister, to cancel and annul the appointment of any person to this Order, and thereupon the name of such person in the Register shall be erased: provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore to this Order any person whose appointment may have been so cancelled and annulled.
Restoration to the Order		
Return of Badge	22	Members of this Order shall make arrangements for the return of their Badge to the Secretary and Registrar of this Order on their death or the cancellation of their appointment and shall, upon receiving the Badge, give a written undertaking and promise to comply with this clause.
Seal of the Order	23	The Seal of this Order shall be the Seal of New Zealand and all instruments of the Order shall be sealed by and with the same.
Secretary and Registrar of the Order	24	There shall be a Secretary and Registrar of this Order who shall be the Clerk of Our Executive Council of New Zealand or such other person appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors who shall hold the said Office during Our pleasure.

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| Duties of the Secretary and Registrar                   | 25 | The Secretary and Registrar shall—<br>(a) maintain a Register of all Members of the Order; and<br>(b) maintain all proceedings and records of the Order; and<br>(c) perform such duties as may be directed by the Sovereign.                                |
| Badge of the Sovereign                                  | 26 | The Badge of the Sovereign of this Order shall be of the same materials and fashion as that prescribed for Members but surmounted by a Royal Crown in gold and enamel.  |
| Badge of the Secretary and Registrar                    | 27 | The Badge of the Secretary and Registrar shall be of the same materials and fashion as that prescribed for Members but surmounted by two crossed quills in gold.  |
| Restoration of the Badge of the Secretary and Registrar | 28 | The Badge of the Secretary and Registrar shall, on that Officer's resignation, dismissal, or death, be restored to the Sovereign of this Order.   |
| Power reserved to alter Warrant                         | 29 | We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with this Our Warrant or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of this Order. |

Given under the Seal of New Zealand at Our Court at Saint James's, this 6th day of February One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-seven in the Thirty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

[Seal]

David Lange,  
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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## **Notes**

### **1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Statutes of the Order of New Zealand. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the warrant as at 20 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)*

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