



Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2015 Commencement Order 2016

Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 15th day of February 2016

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under section 2(1) of the Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2015 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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1 Title

This order is the Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2015 Commencement Order 2016.

2 Commencement of Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2015

- (1) The Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2015 (the **Act**), except sections 4, 9, 13, and 16, comes into force on 4 April 2016.
- (2) Sections 4, 9, and 16 of the Act come into force on 1 April 2017.
- (3) Section 13 of the Act comes into force on 4 July 2016.

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order brings the Accident Compensation Amendment Act 2015 (the **amendment Act**) into force.

The order brings—

- sections 4, 9, and 16 of the amendment Act into force on 1 April 2017:
- section 13 of the amendment Act into force on 4 July 2016:
- all other provisions of the amendment Act into force on 4 April 2016.

Section 9 of the amendment Act amends the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (the **principal Act**) to remove the ability of the Accident Compensation Corporation (**ACC**) to develop new incentive programmes under section 175 of the principal Act that could result in a downwards adjustment of a person's levy. These programmes are being replaced by the new workplace incentive programmes under new sections 174A to 174F of the principal Act, which are being brought into force on 4 April 2016. Sections 4 and 16 of the amendment Act bring into force new section 5A and new Schedule 1AA of the principal Act, which provide for transitional arrangements relating to section 175 of the principal Act.

Section 13 of the amendment Act amends the principal Act to require ACC and WorkSafe New Zealand to have a workplace injury prevention action plan and to enter into written agreements about injury prevention measures.

The remaining provisions of the amendment Act amend the principal Act to provide a framework for ACC to develop and establish workplace incentive programmes and to make amendments consequential to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, which also comes into force on 4 April 2016 (except subpart 4 of Part 5 of that Act, which came into force on 5 September 2015).

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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This order is administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment.