



Lawyers and Conveyancers (Winding Up of Solicitors’ Fidelity Guarantee Fund) Order 2025

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 15th day of December 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under section 367(5) of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice made on receiving the report and accounts referred to in section 367(4) of that Act.

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Lawyers and Conveyancers (Winding Up of Solicitors’ Fidelity Guarantee Fund) Order 2025.

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 15 January 2026.

3 Solicitors' Fidelity Guarantee Fund deemed to be wound up

The Solicitors' Fidelity Guarantee Fund is deemed to be wound up.

Nicola Purvis,
Acting 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, which comes into force on 15 January 2026, deems the Solicitors' Fidelity Guarantee Fund (the **fund**) to be wound up.

The fund, which was established under prior legislation, was continued by the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006 (the **Act**) for the purpose of reimbursing persons who suffered loss due to thefts committed by solicitors before 1 August 2008.

The Act provides a final date for submitting claims against the fund. That date has now passed and all claims submitted by that date have been dealt with. Accordingly, this order deems the fund to be wound up.

See also section 369 of the Act, which provides for how the remaining assets of the fund must be applied by the New Zealand Law Society after this order comes into force.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 18 December 2025.

This order is administered by the Ministry of Justice.