

Westlaw NZ

Finding future amendments to legislation

Once an amendment has been assented, but it isn't yet in force, Westlaw NZ legislation is usually updated with a "future version" tab so you can see what the legislation will look like when the change comes into effect.

From the left side of the home page, click the Legislation and Commentary search template

- Step 1: Into the Legislation (Title) field, enter the name of the Act or Legislative Instrument
- Step 2: From the foot of the search template, untick Law in Force
- Step 3: Place a tick into Prospective Law
- Step 4: Click Search

The result screen will indicate the upcoming changes. Some of these may be amendments, new sections or definitions, and you will see symbols (status flags) which act as visual prompts for you to recognize the status of the legislation you're looking at. Hover your mouse over these symbols to see what they mean.

Important Note: If a future legislative change is scheduled to come into force within 21 days of receipt of the amending authority, a "future version" tab will not appear, therefore the search results will not reflect those changes. In all instances, users should also check the Updater tab on the title page/front page of the piece of legislation they are looking at, where such changes will be referred to. See below.

The screenshot shows the 'Updater' tab selected in the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, the 'Legislation' section is highlighted in yellow. The 'Document Path' section lists several related documents, including 'Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (New Zealand)', 'Adams on Criminal Law : Criminal Procedure > Youth Justice', 'Child Law : Care and Protection (Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989)', 'Statutes of New Zealand : O > Oranga Tamariki Act 1989', and 'Summary Proceedings : Youth Justice'. Below this, the 'LEGISLATION' section is also highlighted in yellow, showing a table of 'Proposed Bill Changes'.

Amending Authority	Sections Amended	Bill Stage
Family and Whānau Violence Legislation Bill (2017 No 247-2)	14AA, 65A, 65F, 158, Sch 1	Reported Back
Legislation Bill (2017 No 275-1)	2	Referred to Select Committee
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Statutes Amendment Bill (No.2) (2017 No 257-1)	162	Referred to Select Committee

FIND FUTURE AMENDMENTS AND SET UP AN ALERT

Setting up an Alert to find further future changes to the that same legislation



Step 5: From the search result screen, click on the bell symbol

Step 6: On the Customise your Alert page that appears, we recommend that you:

- ⇒ Enter an alert name of your choice – example below
- ⇒ Change time to 9am
- ⇒ Ensure your correct email address appears
- ⇒ Change to Full Article
- ⇒ Click Save Alert (this will be saved into My Alerts in the blue toolbar – you can edit it any time)

Customise your Alert

Your search: **Legislation Title("Sentencing Act 2002") & Legislation Jurisdiction(NZ) & (((legVersion("Prospective Law' & (legSubType(Act OR legSubType(Statutory OR legSubType(Others) & ('Acts' OR Statutory OR Others) for Legislation**

Manage this Alert

Alert Name: ←

Client ID (optional):

Frequency of Alert: ▾

Select time: ← ▾

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Email Address: ←
Note: Separate multiple addresses with semicolons.

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Note: Full Article applies to Newsroom and Current Awareness alerts only

Email Format: ▾

Email even when no results returned: Yes No

Scheduled: Yes No

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See also [Westlaw NZ - Checking the currency of Legislation](#)

(<https://support.thomsonreuters.co.nz/product/westlaw-nz/articles/westlaw-nz-checking-currency-legislation>)