

**Reprint  
as at 17 March 1989**



**Ombudsmen Rules 1989**

(SR 1989/64)

Pursuant to section 15 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975, the House of Representatives, on 9 March 1989, made the following rules for the guidance of the Ombudsmen in the exercise of their functions.

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**Rules**

- 1 Title and commencement**
- (1) These rules may be cited as the Ombudsmen Rules 1989.
  - (2) These rules shall come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

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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.

**These rules are administered by the Ministry of Justice.**

**2 Power to publish reports**

- (1) An Ombudsman may from time to time in the public interest, or in the interests of any person or department or organisation, publish—
  - (a) reports relating generally to the exercise of an Ombudsman's functions under—
    - (i) the Ombudsmen Act 1975; or
    - (ii) the Official Information Act 1982; or
    - (iii) the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; or
  - (b) reports relating to any particular case or cases investigated by an Ombudsman.
- (2) A report may be published pursuant to subclause (1) whether or not the matters to be dealt with in the report have been the subject of a report to the House of Representatives under the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

**3 Revocation**

The Ombudsman's Rules 1962 (SR 1962/208) are hereby revoked.

D G McGee,  
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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**Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These rules, which replace the Ombudsman's Rules 1962, are consequential on amendments made to the Ombudsmen Act 1975 by the Official Information Act 1982 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

These rules are new to the extent that they confer on an Ombudsman express power to publish reports relating generally to an Ombuds-

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man's functions under the Official Information Act 1982 or the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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**Notes****1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Ombudsmen Rules 1989. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the rules as at 17 March 1989, 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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