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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

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This Act is the Domestic Violence—Victims' Protection Act **2016**.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Sevent 1 April 2019.

Part 1 Domestic Violence Act 1995

3 Principal Act

This **Part** amends the Domestic Violence Act 1995 (the **principal Act**).

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4 Section 2 amended (Interpretation)

In section 2, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

domestic violence document means—

(a) a police report confirming attendance at an incident involving domestic violence; or

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- (b) a record of a police caution relating to domestic violence; or
- (c) a record of criminal proceedings for an offence relating to domestic violence: or
- (d) a record of a conviction for an offence relating to domestic violence; or
- (e) a record of a court's finding of fact of domestic violence against a person by another person; or
- (f) a court order relating to domestic violence; or
- (g) a report from a medical practitioner stating that a person has injuries or a condition consistent with having suffered domestic violence; or
- (h) a report from a domestic violence support organisation relating to a person who has suffered domestic violence; or
- (i) any other document prescribed in regulations made under this Act

5 Section 5 amended (Object)

In section 5, after subsection (2), insert:

(2A) A victim of domestic violence,—

- (a) for the purposes of this Act, is a person who suffers domestic violence:
- (b) for the purposes of other enactments, is a person who is able to produce a domestic violence document because—
 - (i) the person has suffered domestic violence; or

(ii) the person provides care or support to an individual in the person's immediate family or household who requires care or support because the individual suffers domestic violence in the individual's family.

Part 2 Employment Relations Act 2000

6 Principal Act

This **Part** amends the Employment Relations Act 2000 (the **principal Act**).

Amendments to Part 6AA (flexible working)

6A Section 69AA amended (Object of this Part)

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Replace section 69AA(a) with:

(a) provide employees with a statutory right to make, or to have made on their behalf, a request for a variation of their working arrangements (other than a variation covered by **Part 6AB** (flexible working short-term for people affected by domestic violence)); and

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6B Section 69AAA amended (Interpretation)

(1) <u>In section 69AAA, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:</u>

additional terms that need variation, in relation to an employee, means 1 or more of the following:

(a) the location of the employee's workplace:

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- (b) the employee's duties at work:
- (c) the extent of the contact details that the employee must provide to the employer:
- (d) any other term of the employee's employment
 - that is not a term covered by **paragraphs (a) to (c)** of this definition or by **paragraphs (a) to (c)** of the definition in this section of working arrangements; and
 - (ii) that, in the employee's view, needs variation to enable the employee to deal with the effects of being a person affected by domestic violence

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child has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic Violence Act 1995

domestic violence has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Domestic Violence Act 1995

following:

(a)

person affected by domestic violence means a person who is 1 or both of the

a person against whom any other person inflicts, or has inflicted, domes-

		tic violence:				
	<u>(b)</u>	a person with whom there ordinarily or periodically resides a child against whom any other person inflicts, or has inflicted, domestic violence	5			
<u>(2)</u>	In section 69AAA, replace the definition of request with:					
	reque	est means a request made under this Part that—				
	<u>(a)</u>	is written; and	10			
	<u>(b)</u>	requests an employer to vary an employee's terms and conditions of employment relating to the employee's working arrangements (other than by making a variation that the employee can request under Part 6AB (flexible working short-term for people affected by domestic				
		violence)); and	15			
	<u>(c)</u>	is made by the employee or on the employee's behalf				
<u>(3)</u>	In sections	ction 69AAA, definition of working arrangements, after paragraph (c),				
	<u>(d)</u>	if the employee is a person affected by domestic violence, additional terms that need variation.	20			
		New Part 6AB inserted				
7	New	Part 6AB inserted (Flexible working for victims of domestic violence)				
	After	section 69AAL Part 6AA, insert:				
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		Part 6AB Elevible weating for victims of demostic victors	25			
		Flexible working for victims of domestic violence	25			
69AF	3 Obje	ect of this Part				
	The c	object of this Part is to—				
	(a)	provide certain employees who are victims of domestic violence with a statutory right to request a variation of their working arrangements or to have a variation of their working arrangements requested on their behalf; and	30			
	(b)	require an employer to deal with a request as soon as possible and no later than 3 months after receiving it; and				
	(e)	provide that an employer may refuse a request only if it cannot be accommodated on certain grounds; and	35			

	(d)	if an employer does not deal with a request in accordance with the process specified in this Part, provide for reference of the matter to a Labour Inspector, then to mediation, and then to the Authority.	
59A1	B A In	terpretation	
	In thi	s Part, unless the context requires another meaning,	5
		estic violence has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic nee Act 1995	
		estic violence document has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the estic Violence Act 1995	
	medi	ation means mediation provided under section 144	10
	requ	est means a request made under this Part that—	
	(a)	is written; and	
	(b)	requests an employer to vary an employee's terms and conditions of employment relating to the employee's working arrangements; and	
	(c)	is made by the employee or on the employee's behalf	15
		n of domestic violence has the meaning given to it in section 5(2A)(b) e Domestic Violence Act 1995	
		ing arrangements means 1 or more of the following terms of an employ- employment:	
	(a)	hours of work:	20
	(b)	days of work:	
	(e)	place of work, whether his or her home, workplace, or some other place:	
	(d)	location of workplace:	
	(e)	duties at work:	
	(f)	the extent of the contact details that the employee must provide to the employer:	25
	(g)	any other term that, in the employee's view, needs variation to enable him or her to deal with the effects of being a victim of domestic violence.	
59A1	BB Re	quest	30
1)	A rec	quest may be made in the following circumstances:	
	(a)	the employee is a victim of domestic violence; and	
	(b)	the employee has been employed by his or her employer for the 6 months immediately preceding the date on which the request is made;	35

if a previous request has been made, at least 12 months have passed

since the date on which the previous request was made.

(c)

(2)	A request must—			
	(a)	be in	writing; and	
	(b)	state	<u> </u>	
		(i)	the employee's name; and	
		(ii)	the date on which the request is made; and	5
	(c)	state	that the request is made under this Part; and	
	(d)	state	_	
		(i)	the variation of the working arrangements requested; and	
		(ii)	whether the variation is permanent or for a period of time; and	
	(e)	state	_	10
		(i)	the date on which it is proposed that the variation take effect; and	
		(ii)	if the variation is for a period of time, the date on which it is proposed that the variation end; and	
	(f)		how, in the employee's view, the variation will enable the employee ral with the effects of being a victim of domestic violence; and	15
	(g)	need	what changes, if any, in the employee's view, the employer may to make to the employer's arrangements if the employee's request proved; and	
	(h)	have ment	attached to it a copy of the employee's domestic violence docu-	20
59A1	BC E	mploy	er's duties	
	An e	mploy	er must—	
	(a)	deal	with a request as soon as possible and not later than 3 months after ving it; and	
	(b)	refer and	the employee to appropriate domestic violence support services;	25
	(e)	notif and	by the employee whether the request has been approved or refused;	
	(d)	if the	e request is refused,—	
		(i)	notify the employee of the applicable ground in section 69ABD; and	30
		(ii)	provide an explanation of the reasons why the ground applies.	
59A1	BD R	efusal		
(1)			er may refuse a request if the employer determines that the circumcribed in section 69ABB(1) do not exist.	35

(2)	An employer may refuse a request if the employer determines that the request cannot be accommodated because of 1 or more of the following:					
	(a)	an inability to reorganise work among existing staff:				
	(b)	an inability to recruit additional staff:				
	(e)	the potential for a detrimental impact on quality:	5			
	(d)	the potential for a detrimental impact on performance:				
	(e)	the potential for a detrimental effect on ability to meet customer demand	ŀ:			
	(f)	insufficiency of work during the periods the employee proposes to work	.			
	(g)	planned structural changes:				
	(h)	the burden of additional costs.	10			
(3)	An e	ployer must refuse a request if—				
	(a)	the request relates to—				
		(i) an employee who is bound by a collective agreement; and				
		(ii) working arrangements to which the collective agreement applies and); 15			
	(b)	the employee's working arrangements, if the employer were to approve the request, would be inconsistent with the collective agreement.	e			
69A	BE Di	outes				
(1)		ection applies if an employee believes that his or her employer				
` /	(a)	has not complied with section 69ABC; or	20			
	(b)	has made a wrong determination under section 69ABD(1).				
(2)	exter	employee may refer the matter to a Labour Inspector who must, to the t practicable in the circumstances, assist the employee and employer to we the matter.				
(3)	Inspe	employee is dissatisfied with the result of the reference to a Laboutor, the employee may refer the matter to mediation, at which the matter to a can employment relationship problem.				
(4)	empl	employee is dissatisfied with the result of the reference to mediation, the yee may apply to the Authority for a determination, but must make the ation within 12 months after—				
	(a)	the date on which the employer notifies the employee of the employer'refusal, if the date is within 3 months after the employer received the request; or				
	(b)	the date 3 months after the date on which the employer received the request, in any other case.	e 35			
(5)		Authority determines that one of the grounds in subsection (1) applie employer, the employer must rectify the matter as soon as practicable.	S			

- (6) An employee may challenge his or her employer's refusal of a request or failure to respond to a request only under this section.
- (7) An employer who does not comply with **section 69ABC** is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$2,000, imposed by the Authority and payable to the employee concerned.

69ABF Labour Inspectors

For the purposes of this Part, a Labour Inspector may provide employees and employers with the assistance he or she considers appropriate in the circumstances.

Part 6AB

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Flexible working short-term for people affected by domestic violence

69AB Object of this Part

The object of this Part is to—

- (a) provide employees who are people affected by domestic violence with a statutory right to make, or to have made on their behalf, a request for a short-term (2-month or shorter) variation of their working arrangements (including any additional terms that need variation), for the purpose of assisting the employees to deal with the effects on the employees of being people affected by domestic violence; and
- (b) require an employer to deal with a request as soon as possible but not later than 10 working days after receiving it; and
- (c) provide that an employer may refuse a request only if proof of domestic violence is required and not produced, or the request cannot be accommodated reasonably on certain non-accommodation grounds; and
- (d) if an employer does not deal with a request in accordance with this Part, provide for reference of the matter to a Labour Inspector, mediation, or the Authority.

69ABA Interpretation

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

<u>additional terms that need variation</u>, in relation to an employee, means 1 or more of the following:

- (a) the location of the employee's workplace:
- (b) the employee's duties at work:
- (c) the extent of the contact details that the employee must provide to the employer:
- (d) any other term of the employee's employment—

		(i)	that is not a term covered by paragraphs (a) to (c) of this definition or by paragraphs (a) to (c) of the definition in this section of working arrangements; and				
		(ii)	that, in the employee's view, needs variation to enable the employee to deal with the effects of being a person affected by domestic violence	5			
	chile Act		the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic Violence				
			iolence has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Domestic ct 1995	10			
	med	iation 1	means mediation provided under section 144				
		_	iance with section 69ABE includes, without limitation, making a rmination under 1 or both of section 69ABF(1)(a) and (b)				
	-	on affe wing:	ected by domestic violence means a person who is 1 or both of the	15			
	<u>(a)</u>		son against whom any other person inflicts, or has inflicted, domesolence:				
	<u>(b)</u>		rson with whom there ordinarily or periodically resides a child ast whom any other person inflicts, or has inflicted, domestic vio-	20			
	<u>requ</u>	request means a request made under this Part that—					
	<u>(a)</u>	is wr	itten; and				
	<u>(b)</u>	_	ests an employer to vary an employee's terms and conditions of oyment relating to the employee's working arrangements; and				
	<u>(c)</u>	<u>is ma</u>	ide by the employee or on the employee's behalf	25			
		king ar wing:	rrangements, in relation to an employee, means 1 or more of the				
	<u>(a)</u>	hours	s of work:				
	<u>(b)</u>	days	of work:				
	<u>(c)</u>	place	of work (for example, at home or at the employee's place of work):	30			
	<u>(d)</u>	addit	ional terms that need variation.				
			Employee's statutory right to make request				
69A	BB W	hen an	nd why employee may make request				
(1)		employ est—	ree who is a person affected by domestic violence may make a	35			
	(a)	at any	y time; and				

employee of being a person affected by domestic violence.

for the purpose of assisting the employee to deal with the effects on the

<u>(b)</u>

2)	occu	section (1) applies regardless of how long ago the domestic violence rred, and even if the domestic violence occurred before the person became	_
		<u>mployee.</u>	5
3)	of the not p empl unde	quest made under this Part for a short-term (2-month or shorter) variation e employee's working arrangements (as defined in section 69ABA) does brevent a request also being made under Part 6AA by or on behalf of the loyee for a permanent, or fixed-period longer than 2 months, variation or that Part of the employee's working arrangements (as defined in section 69AAA).	10
9AI	<u> 3C Re</u>	equirements relating to request	
	A rec	quest must be in writing and—	
	<u>(a)</u>	state—	
		(i) the employee's name; and	15
		(ii) the date on which the request is made; and	
		(iii) that the request is made under this Part; and	
	<u>(b)</u>	specify the variation of the working arrangements requested and the period of time (which must be no longer than 2 months) for which the variation is requested; and	20
	<u>(c)</u>	specify the date on which the employee proposes that the variation take effect and the date on which it is proposed that the variation end; and	
	<u>(d)</u>	specify how, in the employee's view, the variation will assist the employee to deal with the effects of being a person affected by domestic violence; and	25
	<u>(e)</u>	explain, in the employee's view, what changes, if any, the employer may need to make to the employer's arrangements if the employee's request is approved.	
		<u>Duties of employer</u>	
9AI	BE En	nployer must notify decision as soon as possible	30
<u>1)</u>	work	employer must deal with a request as soon as possible, but not later than 10 ting days after receiving it, and must notify the employee in writing of ther his or her request has been approved or refused.	
2)	provi	before giving the notification under subsection (1) , the employer must ide the employee with information about appropriate specialist domestic ence support services.	35
3)		e employer refuses an employee's request, the notification given under section (1) must—	
		12	

	<u>(a)</u>	state that the request is refused because of 1 or both grounds specified in	
		section 69ABF(1)(a) and (b); and	
	<u>(b)</u>	state the ground or grounds for refusal; and	
	<u>(c)</u>	explain the reasons for that ground or those grounds.	
69A	BEA 1	Proof of domestic violence	5
(1)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	employer may require proof that an employee is a person affected by estic violence to be produced—	
	<u>(a)</u>	to the employer; and	
	<u>(b)</u>	by or on behalf of an employee; and	
	<u>(c)</u>	for the purposes of a request made by or on behalf of the employee; and	10
	<u>(d)</u>	as soon as practicable after that proof is required by the employer under this section; and	
	<u>(e)</u>	within 10 working days after the employer receives the request.	
<u>(2)</u>	How	ever, the employer may require proof of that kind only if—	
	<u>(a)</u>	the employer informs the employee as early as possible that the proof is required; and	15
	<u>(b)</u>	the employer requires the proof within 3 working days after the employer receives the request.	
	Comp	are: 2003 No 129 s 68	
69A]	BF G	counds for refusal of request by employer	20
(1)	An e	mployer may refuse a request only if the employer determines 1 or both of	
	the f	ollowing:	
	<u>(a)</u>	that proof required to be produced under section 69ABEA was not produced within 10 working days after the employer receives the request:	
	<u>(b)</u>	that the request cannot be accommodated reasonably on 1 or more of the non-accommodation grounds specified in subsection (2) .	25
<u>(2)</u>	The	non-accommodation grounds are—	
	<u>(a)</u>	inability to reorganise work among existing staff:	
	<u>(b)</u>	inability to recruit additional staff:	
	<u>(c)</u>	detrimental impact on quality:	30
	<u>(d)</u>	detrimental impact on performance:	
	<u>(e)</u>	insufficiency of work during the periods the employee proposes to work:	
	<u>(f)</u>	planned structural changes:	
	(g)	burden of additional costs:	
	<u>(h)</u>	detrimental effect on ability to meet customer demand.	35
(3)	An e	mployer must not refuse a request just because—	

	<u>(a)</u>	the request is from an employee who is bound by a collective agreement; and	
	<u>(b)</u>	the request relates to working arrangements to which the collective agreement applies; and	
	<u>(c)</u>	the employee's working arrangements would be inconsistent with the collective agreement if the employer were to approve the request.	5
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69AE	BG En	aployee has choice of procedure at initial stage	
<u>(1)</u>		section applies if an employee believes that the employee's employer has omplied with section 69ABE.	10
<u>(2)</u>	The e	mployee may do 1 of the following:	
	<u>(a)</u>	refer the matter to a Labour Inspector who must, to the extent practicable in the circumstances, assist the employee and employer to resolve the matter; or	
	<u>(b)</u>	refer the matter to mediation, at which the matter is treated as an employment relationship problem; or	15
	<u>(c)</u>	apply to the Authority for a determination as to whether the employer has complied with section 69ABE .	
<u>(3)</u>		erence or application under subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c) must be made a 6 months after the relevant date.	20
<u>(4)</u>	<u>In su</u>	bsection (3), relevant date means,—	
	<u>(a)</u>	if the employer notifies a refusal within 10 working days after receiving a request, the date on which the employer notifies the employee of the employer's refusal; or	
	<u>(b)</u>	in any other case, the date that is 10 working days after the employer receives the employee's request.	25
69AE	<u> </u>	ediation after initial reference to Labour Inspector	
(1)		section applies if the employee is dissatisfied with the result of the referunder section 69ABG(2)(a) to a Labour Inspector.	
<u>(2)</u>		employee may refer the matter to mediation, at which the matter is treated employment relationship problem.	30
(3)		erence under subsection (2) must be made within 6 months after the rof—	
	<u>(a)</u>	the date when the result of the reference first became known to the employee; or	35
	<u>(b)</u>	the date when the result of the reference should reasonably have become	
		known to the employee.	

<u>69AB</u>	<u> I Ap</u> j	olication to Authority after initial or later reference to mediation	
(1)		section applies if the employee is dissatisfied with the result of the referunder section ABG(2)(b) or ABH(2) to mediation.	
(2)		employee may apply to the Authority for a determination as to whether the over has complied with section 69ABE .	5
(3)	-	pplication under subsection (2) must be made within 6 months after the rof—	
	<u>(a)</u>	the date when the result of the reference first became known to the employee; or	
	<u>(b)</u>	the date when the result of the reference should reasonably have become known to the employee.	10
69AB	<u>J</u> Per	nalty	
(1)		mployer who does not comply with section 69ABE is liable to a penalty this Act imposed by the Authority.	
<u>(2)</u>	The p	enalty is payable to the employee concerned.	15
(3)	the ca	ne purposes of the 6-month time limit in section 135(5), the date on which hause of action for the recovery of the penalty first became known to the byee, or should reasonably have become known to the employee, must ken to be a date after, as the case requires,—	
	<u>(a)</u>	the relevant date under section 69ABG(3); or	20
	<u>(b)</u>	the applicable date under section 69ABI(3)(a) or (b).	
69AB	K Li	mitation on challenging employer	
		mployee may challenge his or her employer's refusal of a request, or fail- orespond to a request, only—	
	<u>(a)</u>	if the employee believes his or her employer has not complied with section 69ABE ; and	25
	<u>(b)</u>	to the extent provided by sections 69ABG to 69ABJ.	
<u>7A</u>		on 69J amended (Employment of employee who elects to transfer to employer treated as continuous)	
		ction 69J(2)(a)(i), replace "and bereavement leave" with "bereavement, and domestic violence leave".	30
<u>Ame</u>	ndmei	nts related to adverse treatment in employment of people affected by	

domestic violence

<u>7B</u> Section 103 amended (Personal grievance)

After section 103(1)(d), insert:

(da)	that the employee has been treated adversely in the employee's employ-
, ,	ment on the ground that the employee is, or is suspected or assumed or
	believed to be, a person affected by domestic violence; or

8 Section 105 amended (Prohibited grounds of discrimination for purposes of section 104)

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- (1) In section 105(1)(m), replace "orientation." with "orientation:".
- (2) After section 105(1)(m), insert:
 - (n) being a victim of domestic violence.
- 8 New section 108A inserted (Adverse treatment in employment of people affected by domestic violence)

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After section 108, insert:

108A Adverse treatment in employment of people affected by domestic violence

- (1) For the purposes of sections 103(1)(da) and 123(1)(d), an employee is treated adversely in the employee's employment on the ground that the employee is, or is suspected or assumed or believed to be, a person affected by domestic violence if, on the ground that the employee is, or is suspected or assumed or believed to be, a person affected by domestic violence (as that term is defined in section 69ABA), that employee's employer or a representative of that employer—
 - (a) dismisses that employee, in circumstances in which other employees 20 employed by that employer on work of that description are not or would not be dismissed; or
 - (b) refuses or omits to offer or afford to that employee the same terms of employment, conditions of work, fringe benefits, or opportunities for training, promotion, and transfer as are made available for other employees of the same or substantially the same qualifications, experience, or skills employed in the same or substantially similar circumstances; or
 - (c) subjects that employee to any detriment, in circumstances in which other employees employed by that employer on work of that description are not or would not be subjected to such detriment; or
 - (d) retires that employee, or requires or causes that employee to retire or resign.
- (2) **Subsection (1)** applies regardless of how long ago the domestic violence occurred or is suspected or assumed or believed to have occurred, and even if the domestic violence occurred or is suspected or assumed or believed to have occurred before the person became an employee.

8A	Section 111 amended	(Definitions relating to	norsanal ariayanas)
OΑ	Section 111 amended	(Delimitions relating to	personal grievances)

- (1) <u>In section 111, after "sexual harassment,", insert "adverse treatment in</u> employment of people affected by domestic violence,".
- (2) In section 111, after "108,", insert "**108A**,".

8B Section 123 amended (Remedies)

Replace section 123(1)(d) with:

(d) if the Authority or the court finds an employee to have been sexually or racially harassed in the employee's employment, or treated adversely in the employee's employment on the ground that the employee is, or is suspected or assumed or believed to be, a person affected by domestic violence, recommendations to the employer—

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- (i) concerning the action the employer should take in respect of the person who made the request referred to in section 108(1)(a) or was guilty of the harassing behaviour or of the adverse treatment on that ground, which action may include the transfer of that person, the taking of disciplinary action against that person, or the taking of rehabilitative action in respect of that person:
- (ii) about any other action that it is necessary for the employer to take to prevent further harassment, or adverse treatment on that ground, of the employee concerned or any other employee.

Consequential amendments related to new Part 6AB

8BA Section 135 amended (Recovery of penalties)

In section 135(5), after "within 12 months", insert "or, for a penalty for non-compliance with **section 69ABE**, within 6 months".

- Section 137 amended (Power of Authority to order compliance)
 In section 137(1)(a)(ii), after "Parts 1, 3 to 6,", insert "6AB,".
- **8D** Section 161 amended (Jurisdiction)
- (1) Repeal section 161(1)(cc).
- (2) After section 161(1)(d), insert:
 - (daa) determining whether an employer has complied with section 69AAE:
 - (dab) determining whether an employer has complied with section 69ABE (including, without limitation, whether the employer has avoided noncompliance with section 69ABE, as that term is defined in section 69ABA):

Section 179B amended (Limitations on consideration by Employment

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	<u>Cou</u>	rt of matters arising under Part 6AA)	
<u>(1)</u>	In th	e heading to section 179B, after "Part 6AA", insert "or 6AB".	
<u>(2)</u>	<u>In se</u>	ection 179B(1), (2), (3), and (4), after "Part 6AA", insert "or 6AB".	
		Transitional, savings, and related provisions	5
<u>8F</u>	Sche	edule 1AA amended	
<u>(1)</u>		chedule 1AA, before clause 1, insert the Part heading set out in Part 1 of Schedule of this Act.	
<u>(2)</u>	<u>In So</u>	chedule 1AA, clause 1, replace "schedule" with "Part".	
<u>(3)</u>		chedule 1AA, after clause 4, insert the Part 2 set out in Part 2 of the edule of this Act.	10
		Part 3	
		Health and Safety at Work Act 2015	
9	Prin	cipal Act	
	This	Part amends the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (the principal Act).	15
10	Sect	ion 16 amended (Interpretation)	
(1)	In se	ection 16, insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:	
		estic violence has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic ence Act 1995	
		estic violence document has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the testic Violence Act 1995	20
		m of domestic violence has the meaning given to it in section 5(2A)(b) e Domestic Violence Act 1995	
(2)	In se	ection 16, replace the definition of hazard with:	
	haza	ard includes—	25
	(a)	a person's behaviour where that behaviour has the potential to cause death, injury, or illness to a person (whether or not that behaviour results from physical or mental fatigue, drugs, alcohol, traumatic shock, or another temporary condition that affects a person's behaviour); and	
	(b)	a situation in which a person's behaviour stems from being a victim of domestic violence or from being the person who inflicted the domestic violence referred to in the victim's domestic violence document	30
11	Sect	ion 37 amended (Duty of PCBU who manages or controls workplace)	
	In se	ection 37, insert as subsection (1A):	

(1A)	Every PCBU who manages or controls a workplace must have a policy on	
	dealing with situations in which a person's behaviour—	
	(a) stems from being a victim of domestic violence or from being the person who inflicted the domestic violence referred to in the victim's domestic violence document; and	5
	(b) is an actual or potential cause or source of harm, to the person or another person, within a workplace or outside a workplace.	
12	Schedule 2 amended (Obligations of PCBU to health and safety representative)	
	In Schedule 2, clause 10(1), insert:	10
(da)	take all reasonable and practicable steps to provide any health and safety representative for a work group with training in supporting workers who are victims of domestic violence.	
	Part 4	
	Holidays Act 2003	15
13	Principal Act	
	This Part amends the Holidays Act 2003 (the principal Act).	
	Consequential amendments	
<u>13A</u>	Section 3 amended (Purpose)	
	After section 3(d), insert:	20
	(e) domestic violence leave to assist employees to deal with the effects on the employees of being people affected by domestic violence.	
13B	Section 4 amended (Overview)	
	In section 4(2)(b)(i), replace "and bereavement leave" with "bereavement leave, and domestic violence leave".	25
<u>13C</u>	Section 5 amended (Interpretation)	
<u>(1)</u>	In section 5(1), insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:	
	domestic violence has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Domestic Violence Act 1995	
	domestic violence leave means paid domestic violence leave provided under subpart 5 of Part 2	30
	person affected by domestic violence has the meaning given to it by section 72B	
<u>(2)</u>	In section 5(1), definition of former Act , replace "Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001" with "Accident Compensation Act 2001".	35

<u>(3)</u>	(c) in relation to domestic violence leave, means any domestic violence leave taken by the employee before the entitlement to the leave has arisen under section 72C	
(4)	In section 5(1), definition of leave pay , replace "or bereavement leave" with ", bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".	5
<u>13D</u>	Section 9 amended (Meaning of relevant daily pay)	
	In section 9(1) and (2), replace "or bereavement leave" with "bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".	
<u>13E</u>	Section 9A amended (Average daily pay)	10
	In section 9A(1), replace "or bereavement leave" with "bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".	
<u>13F</u>	Section 12 amended (Determination of what would otherwise be working day)	
(1)	In section 12(1), replace "or to bereavement leave" with "to bereavement leave, or to domestic violence leave".	15
(2)	In section 12(3)(d), after "or bereavement leave", insert "or domestic violence leave".	
(3)	In section 12(3A), after "or bereavement leave", insert "or domestic violence leave".	20
<u>13G</u>	Section 14 amended (Meaning of gross earnings)	
<u>(1)</u>	In section 14(a)(iii), replace "or bereavement leave" with "bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".	
(2)	In section 14(a)(vii) and (b)(ii), replace "Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001" with "Accident Compensation Act 2001".	25
<u>13H</u>	Section 16 amended (Entitlement to annual holidays)	
(1)	In section 16(2)(a)(i), after "leave under this Act", insert "(for example, domestic violence leave)".	
(2)	In section 16(2)(a)(iv), replace "Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001" with "Accident Compensation Act 2001".	30
(3)	In section 16(2)(a)(v), after "or unpaid bereavement leave", insert "or unpaid domestic violence leave".	
<u>13I</u>	New section 37A inserted (Employer must allow employee taking annual holidays to take domestic violence leave)	
	After section 37, insert:	35

violence leave

Employer must allow employee taking annual holidays to take domestic

(1)	subpa	section applies to an employee who is taking annual holidays under this art and who then becomes entitled to take domestic violence leave under ion 72C.	5
(2)	on th	employer must allow the employee to take any period related to the effects e employee of domestic violence that the employee would otherwise take annual holiday as domestic violence leave.	
<u>13J</u>		on 38 amended (Sickness, injury, or bereavement arising before duled annual holidays)	10
<u>(1)</u>		e heading to section 38, replace "or bereavement" with "bereavement, omestic violence".	
<u>(2)</u>	In sec	ction 38(1)(b)(iii), after "section 69(2)", insert "; or".	
<u>(3)</u>	After	section 38(1)(b)(iii), insert:	
		(iv) becomes entitled to take domestic violence leave under section 72C.	15
<u>(4)</u>	After	section 38(2)(b), insert:	
	<u>(c)</u>	any period related to the effects on the employee of domestic violence that the employee would otherwise take as an annual holiday as domestic violence leave.	20
<u>13K</u>		on 39 amended (Employer may allow employee to take annual lays if sick leave or bereavement leave exhausted)	
<u>(1)</u>		e heading to section 39, replace "or bereavement leave" with ", bereavet leave, or domestic violence leave".	
<u>(2)</u>	In sec	ction 39(1)(b), after "subpart 4" insert "; or".	25
<u>(3)</u>	After	section 39(1)(b), insert:	
	<u>(c)</u>	an employee requires more leave to assist the employee to deal with the	
		effects on the employee of being a person affected by domestic violence than he or she is entitled to under subpart 5 .	
<u>13L</u>	<u>Secti</u>		30
13L (1)		than he or she is entitled to under subpart 5 .	30
	In the	than he or she is entitled to under subpart 5 . on 61A amended (Sickness, injury, or bereavement on public holiday) e heading to section 61A, replace "or bereavement" with "bereavement, omestic violence".	30
	In the	than he or she is entitled to under subpart 5 . on 61A amended (Sickness, injury, or bereavement on public holiday) e heading to section 61A, replace "or bereavement" with "bereavement, omestic violence". acce section 61A(1)(b) with:	30
(1)	In the	than he or she is entitled to under subpart 5 . on 61A amended (Sickness, injury, or bereavement on public holiday) e heading to section 61A, replace "or bereavement" with "bereavement, omestic violence".	36

<u>(3)</u>	In section 61A(2)(a), replace "or bereavement leave" with ", bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".	
13M	Section 71 amended (Payment for sick leave and bereavement leave)	
	In section 71(2) and (3)(a), replace "Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001" with "Accident Compensation Act 2001".	5
	New subpart 5 of Part 2 inserted	
14	New Part 2, subpart 5 of Part 2 inserted (Domestic violence leave)	
	After section 72, insert:	
	Subpart 5—Domestic violence leave	
72A	Purpose of this subpart	10
	The purpose of this subpart is to provide employees who are victims of people affected by domestic violence with a minimum entitlement to paid leave for the purpose of dealing assisting the employees to deal with the effects on the employees of being victims of people affected by domestic violence.	
72B	Interpretation Meaning of person affected by domestic violence	15
	In this subpart,—	
	domestic violence has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic Violence Act 1995	
	domestic violence document has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic Violence Act 1995	20
	domestic violence leave means paid domestic violence leave provided under this subpart	
	victim of domestic violence has the meaning given to it in section 5(2A)(b) of the Domestic Violence Act 1995.	
(1)	In this subpart, a person affected by domestic violence means a person who is 1 or both of the following:	25
	(a) a person against whom any other person is inflicting, or has inflicted, domestic violence:	
	(b) a person with whom there ordinarily or periodically resides a child against whom any other person is inflicting, or has inflicted, domestic violence.	30
(2)	In this section, child has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic Violence Act 1995.	
72 C	Request for and approval of domestic violence leave	

This section applies to an employee who is a victim of domestic violence.

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(2)		equest may be made by the employee or on the employee's behalf to the loyer to approve the employee's taking domestic violence leave.			
(3)	The	request must—			
	(a)	state that the request is made under this subpart; and			
	(b)	state —	5		
		(i) the employee's name; and			
		(ii) the date on which the request is made; and			
	(c)	have attached to it a copy of the employee's domestic violence document.			
(4)		oon as is practicable after receiving a request, the employer must approve employee's taking domestic violence leave.	10		
(5)	The	employee—			
	(a)	may take up to 10 days' leave within a year of the date of the employer's approval; and			
	(b)	may not carry forward any leave not taken in the year.	15		
(6)	refer	ions 63, 64, 67, 71, and 72(1) apply to domestic violence leave as if the rences in them to sick leave or bereavement leave were references to estic violence leave.			
		Entitlement to domestic violence leave			
<u>72C</u>	<u>Enti</u>	tlement to domestic violence leave	20		
	An e	employee may take domestic violence leave—			
	<u>(a)</u>	if the employee is a person affected by domestic violence (regardless of how long ago the domestic violence occurred, and even if the domestic violence occurred before the person became an employee); and			
	<u>(b)</u>	in accordance with sections 72D and 72H.	25		
<u>72D</u>	Whe	en entitlement to domestic violence leave arises			
(1)	An employee is entitled to domestic violence leave—				
	<u>(a)</u>	after the employee has completed 6 months' current continuous employment with the employer; or			
	<u>(b)</u>	if, in the case of an employee to whom subsection (1)(a) does not apply, the employee has, over a period of 6 months, worked for the employer for—	30		
		(i) at least an average of 10 hours a week during that period; and			
		(ii) no less than 1 hour in every week during that period or no less than 40 hours in every month during that period.	35		
(2)	Dom	nestic violence leave must be provided—			

	<u>(a)</u>	to an employee to whom subsection (1)(a) applies, for—	
	(u)	(i) the 12-month period of continuous employment beginning at the end of the 6-month period specified in that subsection; and	
		(ii) each subsequent 12 months of current continuous employment:	
	<u>(b)</u>	to an employee to whom subsection (1)(b) applies, for—	5
		(i) the 12-month period of employment beginning at the end of the 6-month period specified in that subsection; and	
		(ii) each subsequent 12-month period of employment as long as the circumstances referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of that subsection continue to apply.	10
<u>(3)</u>	Howe	ever, an employer and employee may agree that—	
	(a)	the employee may take domestic violence leave in advance; and	
	<u>(b)</u>	in the case of domestic violence leave taken in advance, the amount of leave taken is to be deducted from the employee's entitlement under this section.	15
<u>72E</u>	Emp leave	loyee must notify employer of intention to take domestic violence	
		mployee who intends to take domestic violence leave must notify the	
	emple	oyer of that intention—	
	<u>(a)</u>	as early as possible before the employee is due to start work on the day that is intended to be taken as domestic violence leave; or	20
	<u>(b)</u>	if that is not practicable, as early as possible after that time.	
72F	Dom	estic violence leave need not be paid out	
		mployee is not entitled to be paid for any domestic violence leave that has een taken before the date on which the employee's employment ends.	25
72G	Proo	f of domestic violence	
		mployer may require proof that an employee is a person affected by estic violence to be produced for domestic violence leave taken under sec-72C .	
72H	<u>Dura</u>	tion of domestic violence leave	30
	An er	mployee—	
	<u>(a)</u>	may take up to 10 days' domestic violence leave in each of the 12-month periods specified in section 72D(2) ; and	
	<u>(b)</u>	cannot carry forward any domestic violence leave not taken in any of those 12-month periods.	35

Payment	for	domestic	viol	lence	leave

72I Payment for domestic violence leave

(1) An employer must pay an employee an amount that is equivalent to the employee's relevant daily pay or average daily pay for each day of domestic violence leave taken by the employee that would otherwise be a working day for the employee.

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- (2) Despite **subsection (1)**, an employer is not required to pay an employee for any time for which the employee is paid weekly compensation under the Accident Compensation Act 2001 or former Act.
- (3) An employer must not require an employee to take as domestic violence leave any time for which the employee is being paid—
 - (a) <u>first week compensation by the employer under section 97 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 or former Act; or</u>
 - (b) weekly compensation for a work-related injury within the meaning of that Act or former Act.
- (4) However, if an employer pays the difference between the employee's first week compensation or weekly compensation and ordinary weekly pay, the employer may agree with the employee that the employer may deduct from the employee's domestic violence leave entitlement 1 day for every 5 whole days that the employer makes that payment.

72J When payment for domestic violence leave must be made

- (1) An employer must pay an employee for domestic violence leave in the pay that relates to the pay period in which the leave is taken.
- (2) However, if an employee is required to provide proof under **section 72G** and fails, without reasonable excuse, to do so, the employer is not required to pay the employee for any domestic violence leave in respect of which the proof is required until the employee complies with that requirement.

Consequential amendments

14A Section 74 amended (Who can enforce Act)

In section 74(2), replace "or bereavement leave" with "bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".

14B Section 75 amended (Penalty for non-compliance)

After section 75(2)(d), insert:

(da) sections 72C and 72H to 72J (which relate to an employee's entitlement to, and payment for, domestic violence leave):

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<u>14C</u>	Section 81 amended (Holiday and leave record)		
	In section 81(2)(g) and (h), replace "or bereavement leave" with "bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".		
<u>14D</u>	Section 83 amended (Failure to keep or provide access to holiday and leave record)	5	
	In section 83(1)(b) and (4)(b), replace "or bereavement leave" with "bereavement leave, or domestic violence leave".		
	Transitional, savings, and related provisions		
<u>14E</u>	Schedule 1AA amended		
<u>(1)</u>	In Schedule 1AA, before clause 1, insert the Part heading set out in Part 3 of the Schedule of this Act.	10	
<u>(2)</u>	In Schedule 1AA, clause 1, replace "schedule" with "Part".		
<u>(3)</u>	In Schedule 1AA, after clause 2, insert the Part 2 set out in Part 4 of the Schedule of this Act.		
	Part 5	15	
	Human Rights Act 1993		
15	Principal Act		
	This Part amends the Human Rights Act 1993 (the principal Act).		
16	Section 21 amended (Prohibited grounds of discrimination)		
(1)	In section 21(1)(m), replace "orientation." with "orientation:".	20	
(2)	After section 21(1)(m), insert:		
	(n) being a victim of domestic violence, which has the meaning given to it in section 5(2A)(b) of the Domestic Violence Act 1995.		
	Consequential amendment		
<u>16</u>	Section 21A amended (Application of this Part limited if section 3 of New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 applies)	25	
	In section 21A(1)(a), replace "and social and racial harassment" with "sexual harassment, adverse treatment in employment of people affected by domestic violence, and racial harassment".		
	New section 62A inserted	30	

17 New section 62A inserted (Adverse treatment in employment of people affected by domestic violence)

After section 62, insert:

52A	Adve	erse treatment in employment of people affected by domestic violence	
1)	It is unlawful for a person (in the course of that person's involvement in any of the areas to which this subsection is applied by subsection (2)) to treat adversely any other person, or to make an implied or overt threat to treat adversely any other person, on the ground that the other person is, or is suspected or assumed or believed to be, a person affected by domestic violence.		
<u>(2)</u>	The a	areas to which subsection (1) applies are—	
	<u>(a)</u>	the making of an application for employment:	
	<u>(b)</u>	employment, which term includes unpaid work.	
<u>(3)</u>	In thi	is section, an employer treats adversely an employee if the employer—	10
	<u>(a)</u>	dismisses that employee, in circumstances in which other employees employed by that employer on work of that description are not or would not be dismissed or subjected to such detriment; or	
	<u>(b)</u>	refuses or omits to offer or afford to that employee the same terms of employment, conditions of work, fringe benefits, or opportunities for training, promotion, and transfer as are made available for other employees of the same or substantially the same qualifications, experience, or skills employed in the same or substantially similar circumstances; or	1:
	<u>(c)</u>	subjects that employee to any detriment, in circumstances in which other employees employed by that employer on work of that description are not or would not be subjected to such detriment; or	20
	<u>(d)</u>	retires that employee, or requires or causes that employee to retire or resign.	
<u>4)</u>	For tl	he purposes of this section,—	2:
	child Act 1	has the meaning given to it in section 2 of the Domestic Violence 995	
		estic violence has the meaning given to it in section 3 of the Domestic ence Act 1995	
	-	on affected by domestic violence means a person who is 1 or both of the wing:	30
	<u>(a)</u>	a person against whom any other person is inflicting, or has inflicted, domestic violence:	
	<u>(b)</u>	a person with whom there ordinarily or periodically resides a child against whom any other person is inflicting, or has inflicted, domestic violence.	3:
<u>(5)</u>		section (1) applies regardless of how long ago the domestic violence rred or is suspected or assumed or believed to have occurred, and even if	

the domestic violence occurred or is suspected or assumed or believed to have

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occurred before the person became an employee.

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Transitional, savings, and related provisions

- 18 Schedule 1AA amended
- (1) In Schedule 1AA, repeal the cross-heading above clause 1.
- (2) In Schedule 1AA, before clause 1, insert the Part heading set out in Part 5 of the Schedule of this Act.
- (3) In Schedule 1AA, after clause 1, insert the Part 2 set out in Part 6 of the Schedule of this Act.

Schedule Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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Part 1 New Part 1 heading inserted into Schedule 1AA

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Part 1

Provisions relating to Employment Relations Amendment Act 2014, Employment Relations Amendment Act 2016, and Employment Relations Amendment Act (No 2) 2016

Part 2 New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1AA

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Part 2

<u>Provisions relating to Part 2 of Domestic Violence—Victims'</u> Protection Act 2016

5 Interpretation

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In this Part, 2018 Part means Part 2 of the Domestic Violence—Victims' Protection Act 2016.

<u>Provisions relating to flexible working short-term for people affected by</u>
domestic violence

6 Application to pre-commencement domestic violence

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Part 6AB applies even if all or any of the domestic violence occurred before the commencement of the 2018 Part.

Provisions relating to adverse treatment in employment of people affected by domestic violence

Application to pre-commencement domestic violence

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Sections 103(1)(da), 108A, 111, and 123(1)(d) apply even if all or any of the domestic violence occurred before the commencement of the 2018 Part.

Part 3

New Part 1 heading inserted into Schedule 1AA

<u>Part 1</u>	
Provisions relating to Holidays Amendment A	ct 2016

Part 4 New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1AA

	<u>Part 2</u>	5
	Provisions relating to Part 4 of Domestic Violence—Victims'	
	Protection Act 2016	
<u>3</u>	Interpretation In this Part, 2018 Part means Part 4 of the Domestic Violence—Victims' Protection Act 2016.	10
	<u>Provisions relating to domestic violence leave</u>	
<u> </u>	Application to pre-commencement domestic violence	
	Subpart 5 of Part 2 applies even if all or any of the domestic violence occurred before the commencement of the 2018 Part.	
	Part 5 New Part 1 heading inserted into Schedule 1AA	15
	Part 1 Provisions relating to Human Rights Amendment Act 2016	
	Dout 6	
	Part 6 New Part 2 inserted into Schedule 1AA	20
	Part 2 Provisions relating to Part 5 of Domestic Violence—Victims' Protection Act 2016	
<u>,</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>	
	In this Part, 2018 Part means Part 5 of the Domestic Violence—Victims' Protection Act 2016.	25

<u>Provisions relating to adverse treatment in employment of people affected by domestic violence</u>

3 Application to pre-commencement domestic violence

Section 62A applies even if all or any of the domestic violence occurred before the commencement of the 2018 Part.

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