Regulatory Systems (Occupational Regulation) Amendment Bill

Government Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

This Bill is included in a package of Bills amending regulatory systems administered by the Ministry of Justice.

The package also contains the following Bills that will improve the quality of existing regulation, court timeliness, efficiency, and access to justice:

- the Regulatory Systems (Courts) Amendment Bill:
- the Regulatory Systems (Tribunals) Amendment Bill:
- the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Amendment Bill.

These Bills will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the courts and tribunals, occupational regulation, and the criminal law (anti-money laundering and countering financing of terrorism) regulatory areas.

Regulatory systems amendment bills capture the smaller issues and opportunities for improvements within the legislation governing regulatory systems. Opportunities to make these amendments may eventually come via bills progressing larger amendments to a specific Act. Many years can elapse between Act-specific amendment bills. Regulatory systems amendment bills allow for an efficient use of House time as numerous amendments can be made across multiple pieces of legislation.

For this Bill, the policy is to improve the operations and efficiency of occupational regulation.

This Bill will do this by—

- strengthening the ability of occupational regulators to protect consumers; and
- increasing the efficiency of the regulatory regimes; and

- removing inconsistent or redundant provisions in legislation; and
- aligning legislation affecting the regulatory regimes to increase industry transparency; and
- reducing unnecessary cost and compliance burdens by adjusting the level of regulation to reflect the level of potential risk to the consumer.

This Bill amends the following 3 Acts:

- the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006:
- the Prostitution Reform Act 2003:
- the Real Estate Agents Act 2008.

This Bill also consequentially amends the following primary and secondary legislation:

- the Crown Entities Act 2004:
- the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (Lawyers: Complaints Service and Standards Committees) Regulations 2008:
- the Real Estate Agents (Licensing) Regulations 2009.

Cumulatively, the amendments will support the maintenance and continuous improvement of the occupational regulation regimes, to ensure that regulated services are performed with reasonable care and skill and promote and protect the interests of consumers.

Departmental disclosure statement

The Ministry of Justice is required to prepare a disclosure statement to assist with the scrutiny of this Bill. The disclosure statement provides access to information about the policy development of the Bill and identifies any significant or unusual legislative features of the Bill.

A copy of the statement can be found at http://legislation.govt.nz/disclosure.aspx?type=bill&subtype=government&year=2024&no=116

Regulatory impact statement

The Ministry of Justice produced a regulatory impact statement on 19 June 2024 to help inform the main policy decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this Bill.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at—

- https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/regulatory-stewardship/regulatory-impact-assessments/
- https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/regulatory-impact-statements/

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 is the Title clause.

Clause 2 is the commencement clause. It provides that Part 3 of the Bill (except clause 18, which relates to the membership of the Real Estate Agents Authority) comes into force 8 months after Royal assent and the rest of the Bill comes into force on the day after Royal assent.

Part 1

Amendments to Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006

Clause 3 provides that Part 1 amends the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006.

Clause 4 repeals section 31(1), which is a spent savings provision relating to lawyers practising on their own account under section 30.

Clause 5 inserts new section 38A, which enables a person to apply to the High Court to enforce an undertaking given by a conveyancing practitioner that has not been carried out.

Clause 6 amends section 135(1), which requires the complaints service of the New Zealand Law Society (the LCS) to refer complaints received under section 132 against practitioners, incorporated law firms, and their employees to a Lawyers Standards Committee (a **Standards Committee**). The amendment gives the LCS the discretion to refer those complaints to a Standards Committee.

Clause 7 inserts new section 135A, which enables the LCS to triage complaints it receives by carrying out an initial assessment of a complaint and deciding whether to—

- refer the complaint to a Standards Committee for consideration; or
- take no further action on the complaint if the LCS considers that any of the grounds set out in *new section* 135A(b) apply in respect of the complaint.

Clause 8 inserts new section 272A, which clarifies that every member of a Standards Committee, an investigator appointed under section 144, and every staff member or officer of the New Zealand Law Society who holds a practising certificate as a lawyer is not providing regulated services when the person is performing duties or functions or exercising powers under Part 7 of the Act.

Clause 9 replaces clause 22(5) of Schedule 1, which automatically revokes a power of attorney given by a sole practitioner to an agent when the practitioner to whose practice it relates enters a partnership. New clause 22(5) expands the provision to ensure that a power of attorney given by a sole director of an incorporated law firm who commences practice as a co-director or enters into a partnership with any other practitioner is also automatically revoked.

Consequential amendment to Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (Lawyers: Complaints Service and Standards Committees) Regulations 2008

Clause 10 provides that clause 11 amends the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (Lawyers: Complaints Service and Standards Committees) Regulations 2008.

Clause 11 replaces regulation 9, which sets out the procedure of the LCS on receiving a complaint, to reflect the new process for dealing with complaints set out in *new section 135A* which no longer requires the LCS to automatically refer complaints to a Standards Committee.

Part 2 Amendments to Prostitution Reform Act 2003

Clause 12 provides that Part 2 amends the Prostitution Reform Act 2003.

Clause 13 amends section 36, which lists certain offences that disqualify a person from holding a certificate to operate a brothel if the person has been convicted of the offence (or of an attempt or conspiracy to commit the offence). The amendments update the list in relation to offences against the Crimes Act 1961 and the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 to correctly reference the relevant offence provisions in those Acts and maintain the original policy intent of section 36 in preventing licences from being issued to those convicted of violent, serious, or sexual offending.

Part 3 Amendments to Real Estate Agents Act 2008

Clause 14 provides that Part 3 amends the Real Estate Agents Act 2008 (the **principal Act**).

Clause 15 amends section 4(1), which defines terms used in the principal Act, to consequentially amend the definition of Authority and to insert a new definition of approved form.

Clause 16 consequentially amends the heading to Part 2, which sets out provisions relating to the Real Estate Agents Authority (the **Authority**).

Clause 17 amends section 10, which established the Authority. The effect of the amendment is to rename the Authority the Real Estate Authority.

Clause 18 amends section 13, which sets out the membership of the Authority's board. In summary, the changes—

- remove the current requirement in section 13(3) for the chairperson of the board to be a lawyer with not less than 7 years' experience:
- replace section 13(4) with a new provision that requires at least 1 of the members of the board to be a lawyer with at least 7 years' experience.

Clause 19 inserts new section 24A (and a new cross-heading). New section 24A(1) gives the Authority the power to require a licensee to supply the Authority with any specified document to investigate the licensee's compliance with the principal Act,

any regulations made under the principal Act, or practice rules made by the Authority. New section 24A(2) and (3) provides that if the Authority has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person is carrying out real estate agency work as an unlicensed person and is not exempt from the provisions of the principal Act, the Authority may require that person to supply any specified document that the Authority considers relevant to establish whether there has been a breach of the principal Act, any regulations made under the principal Act, or practice rules made by the Authority.

Clause 20 amends section 36, which sets out a person's entitlement to a licence. The main changes provide that—

- an individual whose licence as an agent, branch manager, or salesperson was cancelled under section 54(d) and who is applying for a licence within 12 months of that cancellation is entitled to hold a licence if they have completed any outstanding continuing education required by practice rules made by the Authority (see new section 36(1)(f) and (2)(e)):
- the Registrar of the Authority (the **Registrar**) may exempt an applicant from the existing requirements in section 36(1)(d) or (2)(d) to have the prescribed qualifications if the applicant has previously been issued with a licence under the principal Act and the Registrar is satisfied they can demonstrate sufficient knowledge and experience of real estate agency work (see new section 36(4)).

Clause 21 replaces section 37(1)(d)(i), which prohibits a person from being eligible to hold a licence if, in the previous 5 years, the person held a licence that was cancelled under section 54(c) to (h). New section 37(1)(d)(i) removes, from that 5-year prohibition, the following as grounds for cancelling a licence:

- that the person has failed to complete any continuing education requirements under section 54(d):
- that the person has failed to pay the prescribed fees and levies under section 54(h).

Clause 22 replaces section 38, which relates to applications for a licence. The main change is to provide that the application must be made to the Registrar in the approved form issued by the Authority.

Clause 23 amends section 43, which gives the Registrar the power to approve or decline licence applications. The amendment provides that when the Registrar grants a licence, the Registrar must send to the applicant evidence of the issue of the licence in the approved form.

Clause 24 amends section 52, which provides for renewal of licences. The amendments enable the Registrar to renew a licence within 12 months after the expiry date without requiring a full application.

Clause 25 amends section 54, which requires the Registrar to cancel a licence and remove the licensee's name from the register of licensees in specified circumstances, to insert new section 54(da) and (i).

New section 54(da) requires the Registrar to cancel a person's licence and remove their name from the register if the person, at any time, ceases to be eligible to hold a licence on 1 or more of the grounds set out in section 37.

New section 54(i) requires the Registrar to cancel the licence of a licensee company 10 working days after the licensee's sole agent licence is cancelled unless a temporary licence holder or a new sole agent licence holder is appointed for the licensee company.

Clause 26 amends section 62, which allows the Registrar to issue a temporary licence in certain circumstances, to—

- enable the Registrar to issue a temporary licence in the approved form; and
- insert *new section* 62(2)(da), which allows the Registrar to issue a temporary licence to another officer of a licensee company if the company's sole licence holder is deceased, has been adjudicated bankrupt, or is sick, absent, or otherwise temporarily prevented from carrying on the real estate business; and
- insert *new section* 62(5), which provides that the Registrar may grant a temporary licence to an applicant under section 62 if satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Clause 27 replaces section 72, which sets out when a licensee is guilty of unsatisfactory conduct for the purposes of the principal Act. New section 72 expands the types of behaviour that can be considered unsatisfactory conduct by removing the requirement that the behaviour relate to solely to real estate agency work. The change enables findings of unsatisfactory conduct to be made against a licensee in relation to matters that may arise outside the strict definition of real estate agency work and for behaviour that falls outside what a reasonable member of the public can expect from a reasonably competent licensee. This is to enable certain matters to be addressed by Complaints Assessment Committees in the first instance rather than being referred from a Committee to the Disciplinary Tribunal.

Clause 28 inserts new section 146A, which sets out an offence for failing to comply with a requirement to supply a document to the Authority under new section 24A.

Clauses 29 to 31 adjust the subpart heading above section 156, amend section 156 (which is a regulation-making power), and insert *new section 156A*. All of the amendments relate to the Authority's new power to issue approved forms.

Consequential amendment to Crown Entities Act 2004

Clauses 32 and 33 consequentially amend Schedule 1 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 to update the name of the Authority in Part 1 of the Schedule.

Consequential amendments to Real Estate (Licensing) Regulations 2009

Clauses 34 to 36 consequentially amend the Real Estate (Licensing) Regulations 2009 to revoke regulation 6 and Schedule 2 to reflect the Authority's new power to issue approved forms.

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1	Title		
		Act is the Regulatory Systems (Occupational Regulation) Amendment 2024.	
2	Com	mencement	5
(1)	Part	3 (except section 18) comes into force 8 months after Royal assent.	
(2)	The 1	rest of this Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent.	
		Part 1	
	A	mendments to Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006	
3	Prin	cipal Act	10
	This	Part amends the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006.	
4	Secti	on 31 amended (Exceptions to section 30)	
	Repe	al section 31(1).	
5		section 38A inserted (Undertakings given by conveyancing titioner to be enforceable)	15
	After	section 38, insert:	
38A	Und	ertakings given by conveyancing practitioner to be enforceable	
(1)		ffected person may make an application for summary judgment in relation undertaking given by a conveyancing practitioner that has not been carbut.	20
make 1 or 1		High Court may, if satisfied that the undertaking has not been carried out, a 1 or more orders the court thinks fit to remedy the breach or to put the ted person as near as practicable in the position the person would have	
	been	in if the undertaking had been carried out, including (without limitation) ollowing:	25
	(a)	an order that the conveyancing practitioner do the act or refrain from doing the act:	
	(b)	an order requiring the conveyancing practitioner to pay to the affected person or to a client of the conveyancing practitioner (or both) who has suffered, or is likely to suffer, loss because the undertaking has not been carried out compensation for the loss:	30
	(c)	any other order or relief that the court thinks fit in the circumstances.	
(3)	In th	s section.—	

affected person, in relation to an under	taking, means—
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- (a) the person to whom the undertaking was given; and
- (b) if the person to whom the undertaking was given was acting as the agent of a principal, the principal

undertaking means a promise or guarantee, given by a conveyancing practitioner in the course of carrying on business as a conveyancer, that an act will be done, or will not be done, by the conveyancing practitioner or another person.

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6 Section 135 amended (Appropriate complaints service)

In section 135(1), replace "sections 132 and 134, is the complaints service established under section 121(1) by the New Zealand Law Society and the complaint must" with "sections 132, 134, and **135A** is the complaints service established under section 121(1) by the New Zealand Law Society and the complaint may".

7 New section 135A inserted (Complaints service to undertake initial assessment on receipt of complaint)

After section 135, insert:

135A Complaints service to undertake initial assessment on receipt of complaint

On receiving a complaint under section 135(1), the complaints service must undertake an initial assessment of the complaint and, following that assessment, decide whether to—

- (a) refer the complaint to a Lawyers Standards Committee for consideration; or
- (b) take no action, or, as the case requires, no further action on the complaint if the service considers that—
 - (i) the length of time that has elapsed between the date when the subject matter of the complaint arose and the date when the complaint was made is such that an investigation of the complaint is no longer practicable or desirable; or
 - (ii) the subject matter of the complaint is trivial; or
 - (iii) the complaint is frivolous or vexatious or is not made in good faith; or
 - (iv) the person alleged to be aggrieved does not desire that action be taken or, as the case may be, continued; or
 - (v) the complainant does not have sufficient personal interest in the subject matter of the complaint; or
 - (vi) there is in all the circumstances an adequate remedy or right of appeal, other than the right to petition the House of Representa-

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	tives or to make a complaint to an Ombudsman, that it would be reasonable for the person aggrieved to exercise.	
8	New section 272A inserted (Certain persons not providing regulated services)	
	After section 272, insert:	5
272A	Certain persons not providing regulated services	
(1)	This section applies to every member of a Lawyers Standards Committee, an investigator appointed under section 144, and every staff member or officer of the New Zealand Law Society who holds a practising certificate as a lawyer.	
(2)	The person is not providing regulated services when performing duties or functions or exercising powers under Part 7 of this Act.	10
(3)	To avoid doubt, subsection (2) does not prevent a complaint from being laid under this Act against a person to whom this section applies in relation to conduct described in section $7(1)(b)(ii)$ or $12(c)$.	
9	Schedule 1 amended	15
	In Schedule 1, replace clause 22(5) with:	
(5)	A power of attorney given by a practitioner to whom this schedule applies by virtue of section 44(1)(a), (b), or (c) is revoked by operation of law when the practitioner to whose practice it relates commences practice as a co-director or in partnership with any other practitioner (or practitioners).	20
C	Consequential amendment to Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (Lawyers: Complaints Service and Standards Committees) Regulations 2008	
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	Section 11 amends the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (Lawyers: Complaints Service and Standards Committees) Regulations 2008.	25
11	Regulation 9 replaced (Procedure on receipt of complaint)	
	Replace regulation 9 with:	
9	Administrative provisions relating to receipt of complaint	
(1)	When a complaint is received, the complaints service must—	
	(a) acknowledge receipt of that complaint in writing; and	30
	(b) as soon as is reasonably practicable, undertake an initial assessment of the complaint and decide how to proceed with the complaint in accordance with section 135A .	
(2)	If a complaint is referred to a Standards Committee in accordance with sec-	

tion 135A(a) of the Act, the complaints service must—

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	(a)	advise the firm to which, or the person or persons to whom, the complaint relates of their right to make a written submission to the Standards Committee; and	
	(b)	notify the firm to which, or the person or persons to whom, the complaint relates; and	5
	(c)	provide a copy of the complaint to that firm, that person, or those persons.	
(3)	a per servi orate cial o	complaint is referred to a Standards Committee in accordance with sec-135A(a) of the Act and it relates to matters that arose during the course of son's employment by a lawyer or an incorporated law firm, the complaints ce must also provide a copy of the complaint to that lawyer or that incorporated law firm unless, in the opinion of the complaints service, there are specircumstances that make it inappropriate to do so. are: 2006 No 1 s 135(1)	10
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12		cipal Act Part amends the Prostitution Reform Act 2003.	
13		ion 36 amended (Disqualification from holding certificate)	
(1)		ace section 36(2)(b)(iv) and (v) with:	20
(1)	кері	(iv) sections 231 to 239 (burglary, robbery, and blackmail):	20
		(v) sections 243 to 245 (money laundering):	
(2)	In se	ction 36(2)(d)(ii), replace "section 12AB, or section 12B" with "or section	
		Part 3	25
		Amendments to Real Estate Agents Act 2008	
14		cipal Act	
	This	Part amends the Real Estate Agents Act 2008.	
15	Sect	ion 4 amended (Interpretation)	
(1)	In se	ction 4(1), definition of Authority, delete "Agents".	30
(2)	In se	ction 4(1), insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:	
	appı	roved form means a form approved and issued under section 156A	
16	Part	2 heading amended	
	In th	e Part 2 heading, delete " Agents ".	

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17	on 10 amended (Authority established)			
	In section 10, delete "Agents".			
18	Secti	on 13 amended (Membership of Authority)		
(1)	In section 13(3), delete "and that member must be a lawyer of not less than 7 years' legal experience".			
(2)	Repla	ace section 13(4) with:		
(4)	The N	Minister must appoint—		
	(a)	at least 2 members who are licensees or former licensees:		
	(b)	at least 1 member who is a lawyer of not less than 7 years' legal experience.	10	
(3)	Repe	al section 13(5).		
19	New	section 24A and cross-heading inserted		
	After	section 24, insert:		
		Power to require documents		
24A	A Power to require documents			
(1) The Authority may by notice, require a licensee to supply the Authority with any specified document within 10 working days or any longer time specified by the Authority, in order to investigate the licensee's compliance with—				
	(a)	this Act and any regulations made under this Act:		
	(b)	any practice rules made by the Authority.	20	
(2)				
	(a)	is carrying out real estate agency work and the person is unlicensed and not exempt from this Act; or		
	(b)	has otherwise contravened this Act or any regulations made under this Act or any practice rules made by the Authority.	25	
(3)	If this subsection applies, the Authority may, by notice, require the person to supply to the Authority, within 10 working days or any longer time specified by the Authority, any specified document that the Authority considers relevant to establishing whether the person has contravened this Act or any regulations amade under this Act or any practice rules made by the Authority.		30	
(4)		s section, specified document means a document that—		
	(a)	belongs to the organisation, entity, or person that is subject to a requirement under this section; or		
	(b)	in the course of the organisation's, entity's, or person's business, is or has been in the possession or control of—	35	

any officer, employee, or person acting on behalf of that organisa-

the organisation, entity, or person; or

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		tion, entity, or person.			
(5)	Nothi	ng in this section limits or affects the Authority's powers under sec- 6.	5		
20	Section	on 36 amended (Entitlement to licence)			
(1)	In sec	tion 36(1)(d), replace "has" with "subject to subsection (4), has".			
(2)	After	section 36(1)(e), insert:			
	(f)	in the case of an individual whose licence was cancelled under section 54(d) and who is applying for a licence within 12 months of that cancellation, has completed any outstanding continuing education required by practice rules made by the Authority.	10		
(3)	In sec	tion 36(2)(d), replace "has" with "subject to subsection (4), has".			
(4)	After	section 36(2)(d), insert:			
	(e)	in the case of an individual whose licence was cancelled under section 54(d) and who is applying for a licence within 12 months of that cancellation, has completed any outstanding continuing education required by practice rules made by the Authority.	15		
(5)	After	section 36(3), insert:			
(4)	For the purposes of this section, the Registrar may exempt an applicant from the requirement in subsection (1)(d) or (2)(d) to have the prescribed qualifications if the applicant has previously been issued with a licence under this Act and the Registrar is satisfied that the applicant can demonstrate sufficient knowledge and experience of real estate agency work.				
21	Section 37 amended (Persons prohibited from being licensed)				
	Repla	ce section 37(1)(d)(i) with:			
		(i) whose licence has, within the preceding 5 years, been cancelled under section 54(c), (e), (f), or (g); or			
22	Section 38 replaced (Application for licence)				
	Repla	ce section 38 with:	30		
38	Application for licence				
	An application for a licence must—				
	(a)	be made to the Registrar in the approved form and contain the prescribed content (if any); and			
	(b)	be accompanied by a declaration, made in the form prescribed in the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957, that the person is eligible to obtain a	35		

be accompanied by the prescribed fee (if any).

under section 37; and

(c)

licence by virtue of section 36 and is not prohibited from being licensed

	Compare: 1976 No 9 s 18					
23	Section 43 amended (Registrar to license applicant or decline application) 5 In section 43(2)(b), replace "prescribed form" with "approved form".					
24	Secti	on 52 amended (Renewal of licence)				
(1)	Repla	ace section 52(1) with:				
(1)	An ap	oplication for renewal of a licence must—				
	(a)	be made to the Registrar in the approved form, either before the date on which the licence expires or within 12 months after the date on which the licence expires; and				
	(b)	be accompanied by the prescribed fee (if any).				
(2)	Repla	ace section 52(5) with:				
(5)	The g	grant of a renewal of a licence takes effect,—	15			
	(a)	in a case where the application for renewal was made before the expiry of the licence, from the date of expiry of the previous licence:				
	(b)	in a case where the application for renewal was made after the expiry of the previous licence but within 12 months after that expiry, on the date on which the Registrar re-enters the applicant's name on the register.				
25	Section 54 amended (Cancellation of licence)					
(1)	After section 54(d), insert:					
	(da)	if the person, at any time, ceases to be eligible to hold a licence on 1 or more of the grounds set out in section 37; or				
(2)	After	section 54(h), insert:	25			
	(i)	in the case of a licensee company, 10 working days after the licensee's sole agent licence is cancelled under this section, unless a temporary licence holder or a new agent licence holder has been appointed for the licensee company.				
26	Secti	on 62 amended (Temporary licence)	30			
(1)		In section 62(2), replace "prescribed form" with "approved form".				
(2)	After section 62(2)(d), insert:					
` /	(da)	in the case of a licensee company whose sole licence holder is deceased, has been adjudicated bankrupt, or is sick, absent, or otherwise temporarily prevented from carrying on business as a real estate agent, another officer of the company; or				
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(3)	After section 62(4), insert:					
(5)	The Registrar may grant a temporary licence to a person who has applied for permission to carry on or appoint some other person to carry on the licensee's business if satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold the licence.					
27			replaced (Unsatisfactory conduct) etion 72 with:			
72	Unsatisfactory conduct					
	For the purposes of this Act, a licensee is guilty of unsatisfactory conduct if the licensee—					
	(a) (b)		es out real estate agency work that is incompetent or negligent; or ges in conduct—			
		(i)	that falls short of the standard that a reasonable member of the public is entitled to expect from a reasonably competent licensee; or	15		
		(ii)	that contravenes this Act or any regulations or rules made under this Act; or			
		(iii)	that agents of good standing would reasonably regard as being unacceptable.			
28			n 146A inserted (Offence to fail to comply with requirement to ument under section 24A)	20		
	After	sectio	n 146, insert:			
146A		nce to on 24 <i>A</i>	fail to comply with requirement to supply document under			
(1)	A person commits an offence if the person, without reasonable excuse, fails or refuses to comply with a requirement to provide a document to the Authority in accordance with a notice given under section 24A .			25		
(2)	Every person who commits an offence against this section is liable on conviction,—					
	(a)	in the	e case of an individual, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000; or	30		
	(b)	in the	e case of a company, to a fine not exceeding \$50,000.			
29	Subp	art 4 l	heading in Part 6 amended			
	In Part 6, in the subpart 4 heading, after "Regulations", insert "and approved forms".					

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Section 156 amended (Regulations)

Replace section 156(1)(c) with:

	(c)	prescribing the content (if any) of licence applications required under this Act:	
	(ca)	prescribing the form, manner, or content of notices or any other documentation or information required under this Act:	
31	New	section 156A inserted (Authority may approve forms)	5
	After	section 156, insert:	
156A	Auth	ority may approve forms	
		Authority may approve forms for the purposes of sections $38(a)$, $43(2)(b)$, $a(a)$, and $62(2)$.	
		Consequential amendment to Crown Entities Act 2004	10
32	Princ	ipal Act	
	Sect	ion 33 amends the Crown Entities Act 2004.	
33	Scheo	dule 1 amended	
	In Sc "Age	hedule 1, Part 1, item relating to Real Estate Agents Authority, delete nts".	15
C	onseq	uential amendments to Real Estate (Licensing) Regulations 2009	
34	Princ	ipal regulations	
	Sect 2009.	ions 35 and 36 amend the Real Estate Agents (Licensing) Regulations	
35	Regu	lation 6 revoked (Forms)	20

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Revoke regulation 6.

Schedule 2 revoked

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