



# Legal Services Amendment Act 2001

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## The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

### 1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Legal Services Amendment Act 2001.
- (2) In this Act, the Legal Services Act 2000 is called “the principal Act”.

### 2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

### 3 New section 117A inserted

- (1) The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 117, the following section:

#### “117A Repayments in respect of certain legal aid granted under former Act

- “(1) This section applies if legal aid was granted under the former Act in respect of civil proceedings, but—
  - “(a) the proceedings were not commenced; or
  - “(b) the proceedings were commenced but not completed; or
  - “(c) there are no proceeds of the proceedings; or

- “(d) the proceeds of the proceedings are not enough to cover the repayment payable (by virtue of section 15(2)) calculated under section 18.
- “(2) The Agency may give the applicant concerned notice requiring the applicant to contribute a further amount if—
- “(a) this section applies; and
- “(b) a further contribution could have been required under the former Act.
- “(3) The further amount required to be contributed under subsection (2) must be no greater than the further contribution that could have been required under the former Act.
- “(4) This Act applies to a further amount required to be contributed under subsection (2) as if it were a contribution within the meaning of this Act.
- “(5) This section applies in respect of completed proceedings—
- “(a) whether they were completed before or after the commencement of this section; and
- “(b) whether or not a repayment has previously been made or required to be made (before or after the commencement of this section) under section 15(2).”
- (2) Section 117(1) of the principal Act is consequentially amended by inserting, after the word “but,” the words “subject to section 117A,”.

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### Legislative history

20 September 2001	Divided from Statutes Amendment Bill (Bill 97-2), third reading
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This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice.

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