



Water Services (Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 7th day of September 2026

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 138 of the Water Services Act 2021—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Local Government; and
- (c) following consultation undertaken by the Water Services Authority in accordance with section 138(1) of that Act.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Water Services (Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2026.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on the day after they are notified in the *Gazette*.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Water Services (Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards) Regulations 2025.

4 Regulation 2 amended (Commencement)

(1) After regulation 2(2)(a), insert:

(aa) regulations 19A and 20 come into force on 8 September 2026; and

(2) In regulation 2(2)(b), replace “comes” with “and subpart 2 of Part 2 come”.

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on the day after they are notified in the *Gazette*, make amendments to the commencement provision in the Water Services (Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards) Regulations 2025 (the **principal regulations**).

The purpose of the amendments is to correct a gap in commencement left by an amendment made to the principal regulations’ commencement provision by the Water Services (Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards) Amendment Regulations 2026 (the **amendment regulations**).

The amendments made by these regulations—

- provide that regulations 19A and 20 of the principal regulations come into force on 8 September 2026; and
- clarify that the commencement of subpart 2 of Part 2 of the principal regulations continues to be 19 December 2028 (consistent with the commencement provision of the principal regulations as initially made).

As these regulations do not amend regulation 2(2)(a) of the principal regulations, they do not affect the commencement of subpart 1 of Part 2 of the principal regulations on 1 September 2026.

Consistency with principles of responsible regulation

The Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport provided the following documents relating to its review of this secondary legislation, and its process for developing it, for consistency with the principles of responsible regulation under the Regulatory Standards Act 2025:

- a consistency accountability statement on 23 July 2026;
- a summary of underpinning analysis on 23 July 2026.

Copies of these documents can be found at—

- <https://www.mcert.govt.nz/publications/consistency-accountability-statement-for-water-services-wastewater-environmental-performance-standards-amendment-regulations-2026/>
- <https://www.mcert.govt.nz/publications/summary-of-underpinning-analysis-water-services-wastewater-environmental-performance-standards-amendment-regulations-2026/>

The Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport considers that a statement from the maker under section 14(1)(b) of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025 is not required for this secondary legislation.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions, and Transport.