



Accessing New Zealand Case Law/Legislation Information

Some legal information is available free of charge on the web.

- **Case Law**

Accident Compensation Appeals - ACC Appeal Decisions

Most District court decisions result from appeals made by ACC clients concerning either cover or entitlement issues. This website provides access to decisions from 1993 onwards.

<http://www.nzlii.org/nz/cases/NZACC/>

Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII)

A joint facility of UTS and UNSW Faculties of Law

AustLII publishes **public legal information** for Australia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island -- that is, primary legal materials (legislation, treaties and decisions of courts and tribunals); and secondary legal materials created by public bodies for purposes of public access (law reform and royal commission reports for example) and a substantial collection of law journals.

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/>

Coronial Services of New Zealand - Coroners Findings of Public Interest

A finding is a report written by the coroner about the facts of the death. The finding can also include comments or recommendations to help prevent similar deaths in the future. In order to publicise these lessons, the findings and recommendations are open to the public.

<https://coronialservices.justice.govt.nz/findings-and-recommendations/>

Courts of New Zealand - Judicial Decisions of Public Interest

Judgments of particular public interest issued by the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court are updated regularly. These judgments remain online for 90 days after delivery.

<https://forms.justice.govt.nz/jdo/Introduction.jsp>

Employment Court of New Zealand – Judgments

From time to time the Court decides cases that have general importance for practitioners of employment law as well as for the particular parties. Include some judgments of the full Court and others examining and applying new law, from 2006 onwards.

<https://www.employmentcourt.govt.nz/judgments/>

Employment Law Database

Search here to identify cases from the Employment Relations Authority since November 2000. PDF copies of determinations since 2005 are available to download unless a publication restriction applies.

<https://www.employment.govt.nz/elaw-search>

Health and Disability Commissioner

Complaints under the Health and Disability Commissioner Act.

Latest decisions and case notes:

<https://www.hdc.org.nz/decisions/latest-decisions/>
<https://www.hdc.org.nz/decisions/search-decisions/>

Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT)

The Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal hears and determines disciplinary proceedings brought against health practitioners. This includes nurses and medical practitioners. The Tribunal was created by s.84 Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 ("the Act") and established on 18 September 2004. <https://www.hpdt.org.nz/Search-Decisions?>

Human Rights Review Tribunal Decisions

The Tribunal is an independent judicial body that hears claims relating to breaches of the:

Human Rights Act 1993: <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1993/0082/latest/DLM304212.html>

Privacy Act 1993: <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1993/0028/latest/DLM296639.html>

Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994:

<http://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1994/0088/latest/DLM333584.html>

Human Rights Review Tribunal Decision Index

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/human-rights/decisions-index/>

Judicial Decisions Online (JDO)

A searchable database of judgments and decisions sourced from New Zealand's Senior Courts'.

Decisions from the following New Zealand Courts are available:

Supreme Court - All

Court of Appeal - Cases from 2003

High Court - Cases from 2005

<https://forms.justice.govt.nz/jdo/Introduction.jsp>

Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal – Commonly Cited Cases

The Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal heard and determined disciplinary proceedings brought against medical practitioners under Part VIII of the Medical Practitioners Act 1995 (the Act) up until the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 came into force in September 2004. From that date onwards the **Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal** commenced this role for all health practitioners regulated under the HPCA Act 2003.

Commonly Cited Cases: <http://www.mpdt.org.nz/decisionsorders/common/>

Findings: <http://www.mpdt.org.nz/decisionsorders/findings/>

New Zealand Legal Information Institute (NZLII)

- Employment Court of New Zealand 1988 –
- High Court of New Zealand decisions 1847 –
- New Zealand Health and Safety in Employment decisions 1996 -

<http://www.nzlii.org/>

- **Codes/Legislation/Statutes/Regulations**

New Zealand Legislation (Acts, Bills & Regulations)

Can be downloaded in pdf, free of charge.

www.legislation.govt.nz

The HDC Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights Regulation 1996

<https://www.hdc.org.nz/disability/the-code-and-your-rights/>

Health Information Privacy Code 1994 (incorporating amendments)

<http://privacy.org.nz/the-privacy-act-and-codes/codes-of-practice/health-information-privacy-code/>

Note: This code of practice will be revoked on 1 December 2020. Find information about the new Health Information Privacy Code 2020 [here](#).

Health Privacy Toolkit

Released by the Privacy Commissioner in May 2011

The toolkit is aimed at GPs, privacy officers and health educators. Health information privacy is about making sure patients and staff know what's being done with their health information, and why

<http://privacy.org.nz/health-privacy-toolkit/>

Privacy Act 2020

This Act comes into force on 1 December 2020.

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2020/0031/latest/LMS23223.html>

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<http://www.nzno.org.nz/resources/library>