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### Official information request

Our ref: R001386

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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request which the Ministry for Regulation (Ministry) received on 21 January 2026. Your request was transferred to the Ministry from the Office of the Minister for Regulation.

You requested:

*"I noted, Regulatory Standards Board- closed 14 Jan 2026.*

*[https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/the-regulatory-standards-act/ ;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!s7cthwigP5GiG-1XBJ w9-b oUCsQ27k92icXuAy1NkiEQbimPpU-h7CF71GYzIk8SAyrh7Pg0tq4PHpgore9KiYv ebqPNZ1952EOFAYhQbcbrkhw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/the-regulatory-standards-act/;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!s7cthwigP5GiG-1XBJ w9-b oUCsQ27k92icXuAy1NkiEQbimPpU-h7CF71GYzIk8SAyrh7Pg0tq4PHpgore9KiYv ebqPNZ1952EOFAYhQbcbrkhw$)*

*May I ask how you called for public nomination and on what platform you have call for public nominations e.g. govt.jobs website. A copy of your ad as well and pay rate. Also, how many applications you have received for each of the role from the public and how many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc for your role. How many you have shortlisted and how many you have interviewed. How many vacancies are you looking to fill?"*

### Response

- **Method and platform for calling for public nominations**

The vacancy was advertised on our careers website (<https://careers.regulation.govt.nz/>), the Institute of Directors, Appoint Better Boards, Jobs.govt.nz, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's board appointments website, as well as with the following nominating agencies: Ministry for Women, Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People, Te Puni Kōkiri, and Ministry for Pacific Peoples. The Minister for Regulation also informed his ministerial colleagues about the advertisement and application process.

- **Copy of ad and pay rate**

Please refer to **Appendix A** for a copy of the advert on our careers webpage. All external ads directed viewers back to our careers webpage.

The rate of remuneration for the chair and members were included in the position descriptions which were published as part of the advertisement. Copies of the position descriptions are also included in **Appendix A**.

The remuneration for the chair and members of the Regulatory Standards Board were determined in accordance with Cabinet Office Circular (25) 2: *Cabinet Fees Framework for members appointed to bodies in which the Crown has an interest*<sup>1</sup> (Cabinet Fees Framework).

The Board chair will be paid a daily rate of \$1,265 for each Board meeting. In addition, up to 12 hours of preparation time for each meeting will be paid in accordance with the hourly rate calculation within the Cabinet Fees Framework.

Members will be paid a daily rate of \$800 for each Board meeting. In addition, up to 8 hours of preparation time for each meeting will be paid in accordance with the hourly rate calculation within the Cabinet Fees Framework.

- ***How many applications received for each of the roles from the public and how many received from nominating agencies***

The Ministry received a total of 140 applications. 42 individuals applied for the chairperson role, and 138 individuals applied for the member role. These figures do not add up to the total number of applications received as some individuals indicated wishing to be considered for both roles.

We are aware of two applications from a nominating agency.

- ***How many shortlisted***

In accordance with clause 38(1), Subpart 7, Part 2 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025, the members of the Board are appointed by the Governor-General, on the recommendation of the regulatory standards Minister, the Minister for Regulation.

The assessment process is ongoing, and the Minister has not yet made his decision.

Accordingly I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

- ***How many interviewed***

Interviewees had not been confirmed at the time of your request. Accordingly, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

- ***How many vacancies to be filled***

Consistent with clause 37, Subpart 7, Part 2 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025, “*The board must have not fewer than 5 members and not more than 7 members.*”

## **Other information**

Note the Ministry will proactively release information about the Regulatory Standards Board at the appropriate time after Board appointments have been finalised and gazetted, and subject to consideration of any information that may need to be withheld in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2025-09/co-25-2-cabinet-fees-framework-v3.pdf>

## Right of review


If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact [hello@regulation.govt.nz](mailto:hello@regulation.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we may publish this response (with your details removed) on the Ministry for Regulation website.

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**Head of Ministerial and Strategic Services**  
**Ministry for Regulation**

# APPENDIX A

## Regulatory Standards Board Vacancies

On behalf of the Minister for Regulation, the Ministry is seeking applications for the following positions on the newly established Regulatory Standards Board:

- Board Chair
- Board members (6 positions available)

### About the Regulatory Standards Board

The Regulatory Standards Board is a brand-new board, established by section 27 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025.

The Board has the following functions, as set out in the Act:

- Inquiries into existing legislation
  1. Carrying out inquiries into whether Acts or secondary legislation are inconsistent with the principles of responsible regulation; and
  2. Reporting on those inquiries to any complainant, the regulatory standards Minister, the relevant chief executive, and the responsible Minister for the legislation to which the inquiry relates
- Considering consistency accountability statements (CASs) for Bills
  1. Considering a consistency accountability statement for a government Bill that:
    - Has been introduced into the House of Representatives; and
    - Is being considered by a committee of the House of Representatives
  2. Reporting on its consideration to that committee before the committee finally reports to the House of Representatives on the Bill.

Decisions on any next steps following findings will sit with the relevant minister/s or makers of other legislation.

The Board must act independently in relation to performing its functions.

## **Skills, Knowledge and Expertise**

We're seeking candidates who can bring extensive experience and expertise (25 years for the Chair and 15 for members) in one or more of the following areas:

- Economics
- Law
- Regulatory design
- As a regulated party (e.g. business or industry representation)

Please refer to the following position descriptions for more details:

- [Board Chair Position Description](#)
- [Board Member Position Description](#)

## **Commitment and Remuneration**

The Board is expected to meet up to 11 times per year. During the establishment phase, these will take place in person (Wellington) but may move to online once the operation of the Board settles into a natural rhythm.

Members are entitled to receive remuneration for meetings and preparation time in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework. Specific details can be found in the above position descriptions.

The Ministry for Regulation will provide support to the board as secretariat.

## **Appointment Process**

- Applications submitted through Ministry for Regulation website
- Shortlisting of applications
- Interviews
- Due diligence and reference checks
- Recommendation to the Minister
- Consultation with Ministerial colleagues
- Consideration by the Cabinet Appointments and Honours (APH) Committee and Cabinet
- Appointment by the Governor General

Queries can be directed to **[boardappointments@regulation.govt.nz](mailto:boardappointments@regulation.govt.nz)**

### **How to apply**

Please click the 'Apply Now' button and provide all the necessary information.

Applications close at 5pm on 14 January 2026



## **Regulatory Standards Board**

### **Board Chair Position Description**

#### **Purpose of the Board**

The Regulatory Standards Board is established by section 27 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025.

The Board has the following functions, as set out in the Act:

- 1) Inquiries into existing legislation
  - a. Carrying out inquiries into whether Acts or secondary legislation are inconsistent with the principles of responsible regulation; and
  - b. Reporting on those inquiries to any complainant, the regulatory standards Minister, the relevant chief executive, and the responsible Minister for the legislation to which the inquiry relates
- 2) Considering consistency accountability statements (CASs) for Bills
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Decisions on any next steps following findings will sit with the relevant minister/s or makers of other legislation.

The Board must act independently in relation to performing its functions.

#### **Knowledge, skills and experience**

The Chair of the Board should have the following skills and experience:

- Experience and expertise in one or more of the following:
  - Law
  - Regulatory design
  - Economics and the cost and benefits of regulating
  - Ability to bring the perspective of a regulated party (e.g. business experience or industry representation)

- At least 25 years' experience in their area/s of expertise
- Experience on a board preferably as a Chair, or in senior leader roles
- Experience creating and implementing board or committee ways of working
- Has a clear understanding of the Board's role, and where it fits within the wider system
- Strong political nous
- Ability to facilitate discussion and guide the Board to reach decisions
- Ability to draw on the different expertise and experience across the Board to encourage high quality debate
- Ability to demonstrate independent thinking
- Ability to contribute to high quality debate
- Be willing to hear and acknowledge new or different ideas

### **Term of Appointment**

The Chair will be appointed for a term of up to 5 years which will be clearly stated in the notice of appointment.

The Chair may be reappointed for additional terms.

### **Remuneration and Meetings**

Members are entitled to receive remuneration in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework. The Board Chair is paid a daily rate of \$1265 for each Board meeting. In addition, up to 12 hours of preparation time for each meeting will be paid in accordance with the hourly rate calculation within the Cabinet Fees Framework.

Members' travel expenses will be managed by the Ministry for Regulation in the first instance. Members are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable meeting expenses that are agreed with the Ministry for Regulation before the costs are incurred.

The Board will meet up to 11 times per year. During the establishment phase, these will take place in person but may move to online once the operation of the Board settles into a natural rhythm.

### **Disclosure of interests**

Members, including the Chair, will be required to disclose interests and conflicts of interest on appointment, and on an ongoing basis as they arise. If there is any doubt the Chair will discuss their interests with the Chief Executive of the Ministry for Regulation. Management plans consistent with the Regulatory Standards Act may be required, and in extreme cases, the Minister may need to consider the ongoing suitability of the Chair.

## **Integrity and character**

The Public Service Act 2020 requires all Board members to abide by the Public Service Code of Conduct.

Background checking will be conducted on shortlisted candidates to ensure suitability. Members are required to raise any issues that arise during their term to the Chair as soon as reasonably practicable. The Chair should raise their own issues, and any member issues of a serious nature to the Chief Executive of the Ministry for Regulation in the first instance.



## Regulatory Standards Board

### Board Member Position Description

#### Purpose of the Board

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  - b. Reporting on those inquiries to any complainant, the regulatory standards Minister, the relevant chief executive, and the responsible Minister for the legislation to which the inquiry relates
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Decisions on any next steps following findings will sit with the relevant minister/s or makers of other legislation.

The Board must act independently in relation to performing its functions.

#### Knowledge, skills and experience

Board members should individually or collectively have the following skills, expertise and experience:

- Experience and expertise in one or more of the following:
  - Law
  - Regulatory design
  - Economics and the cost and benefits of regulating
  - Ability to bring the perspective of a regulated party (e.g. business experience or industry representation)

- At least 15 years' experience in their area/s of expertise
- Experience on a board or in senior leader roles
- Ability to demonstrate independent thinking
- Ability to contribute to high quality debate
- Be willing to hear and acknowledge new or different ideas

### **Term of Appointment**

Board members will be appointed for a term of up to 5 years which will be clearly stated in the notice of appointment.

Members may be reappointed for additional terms.

### **Remuneration and Meetings**

Members are entitled to receive remuneration in accordance with the Cabinet Fees Framework. Members are paid a daily rate of \$800 for each Board meeting. In addition, up to 8 hours of preparation time for each meeting will be paid in accordance with the hourly rate calculation within the Cabinet Fees Framework.

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### **Disclosure of interests**

Members will be required to disclose interests and conflicts of interest on appointment, and on an ongoing basis as they arise. If there is any doubt, Members will discuss their interests with the Chair. Management plans consistent with the Regulatory Standards Act may be required, and in extreme cases, the Minister may need to consider the ongoing suitability of members.

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