

INCORPORATED SOCIETIES 3-STEP TIMELINE OF CHANGES

1 → **NOW 2022**

An Incorporated Society continues to be registered under the 1908 Act

2 → **OCTOBER 2023**

New legislation comes into effect

ALL existing Incorporated Societies have just over 2 years to re-register in line with the new Act.

All Officers must act in 'good faith'.

Some organisations may have to change their financial reporting requirements, i.e. you may need to be audited depending on your annual turnover.

YOUR CONSTITUTION MUST HAVE:

- > A Dispute Resolution Clause.
- > A Conflict-of-Interest Clause.
- > A Contact Officer.
- > Evidence of ongoing membership, i.e. consent and contact details.
- > Provision to provide Society information to Members upon reasonable request:
 - Committees may not avoid disclosure;
 - There are some legislated reasons for non-disclosure.
- > A Clause with reasons why someone may be disqualified from being an Officer/Committee Member.

The Companies Office (where Incorporated Societies are registered, and which holds your current Constitution/Rules) will have:

- > Stronger enforcement.
- > The ability to bring criminal charges.

APRIL 2026 ← **3**

An Incorporated Society **NOT** re-registered ceases to exist!



Want to find **EXPLANATIONS** of the kinds of clauses you will need to include in your constitution? Want to **GET LINKS** to resources and a constitution builder?

[CLICK HERE](#) and go to CNA's page:

www.communitynetworksaotearoa.org.nz/incorporated-societies-law-changes

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