



Resource Management (Duration of Consents) Amendment Act 2025

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Resource Management (Duration of Consents) Amendment Act 2025.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 17 December 2025.

Section 2: editorial change made by the PCO, on 24 December 2025, under sections 86(1) and 87(m) of the Legislation Act 2019 (2019 No 58).

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Resource Management Act 1991.

4 Section 123 amended (Duration of consent)

After section 123(2), insert:

- (3) Despite anything in subsection (1), the period of a resource consent to which section 123C applies is the period specified in that section.

5 New section 123C inserted (Duration of certain current and continued consents)

After section 123B, insert:

123C Duration of certain current and continued consents

- (1) This section applies to—
- (a) a resource consent that is current on the commencement date but due to expire before the close of 31 December 2027:
 - (b) a resource consent that expired before the commencement date, but only if,—
 - (i) immediately before the commencement date, the holder was eligible to operate under the consent in reliance on section 124; and
 - (ii) the holder's application for a new consent had not been determined by the consent authority before the commencement date.
- (2) A resource consent—
- (a) referred to in subsection (1)(a) is extended to the close of 31 December 2027:
 - (b) referred to in subsection (1)(b) is deemed to be reinstated and extended to the close of 31 December 2027.
- (3) However, if the resource consent relates to water, the consent expires on the earlier of—
- (a) the close of 31 December 2027:
 - (b) the date that is 35 years after the date the consent commenced.
- (4) Despite subsection (3), a resource consent that relates to water expires on the close of 1 October 2026 if, on the commencement of this Act, the consent was deemed to be (or otherwise to be treated as) granted under this Act.
- (5) Any conditions applying to a resource consent or that applied to a resource consent before it expired (as the case may be) continue to apply unless a change to a condition is required as a consequence of extending the consent under this section.
- (6) However, any extension, or reinstatement and extension, of a consent under this section does not affect the application of sections 125, 127, 128, and 129.
- (7) A consent authority must,—
- (a) no later than 6 months after the commencement date, update a resource consent to which this section applies to record its new expiry date; and

- (b) if applicable, continue to process and determine the application for the new consent unless it is withdrawn.
- (8) This section does not apply to any extant wastewater consent that has already been extended under section 139C or 139D.
- (9) In this section, **commencement date** means the date on which this section comes into force.
- (10) In subsections (3) and (4), a resource consent **relates to water** if it is—
 - (a) a water permit within the meaning of section 87(d):
 - (b) a discharge permit (within the meaning of section 87(e)) authorising—
 - (i) a discharge of contaminant or water into water:
 - (ii) a discharge of contaminant onto or into land, in the circumstances described in section 15(1)(b):
 - (c) a land use consent under section 9 that includes associated discharges.

Legislative history

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Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry for the Environment.