



Juries (Age of Excusal) Amendment Act 2026

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Juries (Age of Excusal) Amendment Act 2026.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent.

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Juries Act 1981.

4 New section 2A inserted (Transitional, savings, and related provisions)

After section 2, insert:

2A Transitional, savings, and related provisions

The transitional, savings, and related provisions set out in Schedule 1AA have effect according to their terms.

5 Section 15 amended (Registrar’s discretion and duty to excuse from jury service on particular occasion)

In section 15(2)(aa), replace “65 years” with “72 years”.

6 Section 15A amended (Registrar’s discretion and duty to excuse from jury service permanently)

In section 15A(2), replace “65 years” with “72 years”.

7 New Schedule 1AA inserted

Insert the Schedule 1AA set out in the Schedule of this Act as the first schedule to appear after the last section of the principal Act.

Schedule
New Schedule 1AA inserted

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Schedule 1AA
Transitional, savings, and related provisions

s 2A

Part 1
Provisions relating to Juries (Age of Excusal) Amendment Act 2026

1 Amendment to age of excusal does not apply to certain summonses

(1) The amendments to sections 15 and 15A of this Act by the Juries (Age of Excusal) Amendment Act 2026 do not apply to a person in respect of a summons issued to that person before the commencement date.

(2) In this clause,—

commencement date means the date on which the Juries (Age of Excusal) Amendment Act 2026 comes into force

summons means—

- (a) a summons issued under section 13(1) of this Act; or
- (b) a replacement summons referred to in section 14C(1)(c) or clause 19(4)(b) of Schedule 2 of this Act.

Legislative history

29 January 2025	Introduction (Bill 121–1)
9 April 2025	First reading and referral to Justice Committee
23 September 2025	Reported from Justice Committee (Bill 121–2)
22 October 2025	Second reading
12 November 2025	Committee of the whole House
18 February 2026	Third reading
20 February 2026	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.