



# **Reserve Bank of New Zealand (Economic Objective) Amendment Act 2023**

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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:****1 Title**

This Act is the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (Economic Objective) Amendment Act 2023.

**2 Commencement**

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

**3 Principal Act**

This Act amends the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 2021.

**Part 1****Amendment to Reserve Bank of New Zealand's objectives****4 Section 9 amended (Bank's objectives)**

Replace section 9(1)(a) and the heading above section 9(1)(a) with:

*Economic objective*

- (a) the economic objective of achieving and maintaining stability in the general level of prices over the medium term; and

**Part 2****Related amendments****5 Section 4 amended (Overview)**

In section 4(3)(a) and (4)(a), replace “economic objectives” with “economic objective”.

**6 Section 10 amended (Bank's functions)**

In section 10(1)(a)(i), replace “objectives” with “objective”.

**7 Section 116 amended (Central bank functions)**

In section 116(a), replace “objectives” with “objective”.

**8 Section 117 amended (Function to formulate monetary policy through MPC)**

Replace section 117(1) with:

- (1) The Bank, acting through the MPC, has the function of formulating a monetary policy directed to the economic objective of achieving and maintaining stability in the general level of prices over the medium term.

**9 Section 118 amended (MPC must formulate monetary policy in manner consistent with economic objectives and MPC remit)**

- (1) In the heading to section 118, replace “objectives” with “objective”.
- (2) In section 118(a), replace “objectives” with “objective”.

**10 Section 123 amended (Contents of MPC remit)**

- (1) In section 123, replace “an economic objective” with “the economic objective” in each place.
- (2) In section 123(2)(b), after “economic objectives”, insert “(if an Order in Council in force under section 125 provides for more than 1 economic objective)”.

**11 Section 125 amended (Order providing for different economic objective or objectives)**

- (1) Replace section 125(2) with:
- (2) The economic objective or objectives may be in addition to or instead of the economic objective specified in section 9(1)(a).
- (2) In section 125(3)(b), replace “either or both of the economic objectives” with “the economic objective”.

**12 Section 136 amended (Effect of directions on operational objectives)**

In section 136(1), replace “economic objectives” with “economic objective”.

**13 Section 138 amended (Effect of directions on monetary policy)**

In section 138(1), replace “objectives” with “objective”.

**Legislative history**

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19 December 2023	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Treasury.