



# Road User Charges (Temporary RUC Reduction Scheme) Amendment Act 2023

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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 Road User Charges (Temporary RUC Reduction Scheme) Amendment Act 2023.

## 2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 1 March 2023.

## 3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Road User Charges Act 2012.

# Part 1 Amendments to principal Act

## 4 Section 42A amended (Meaning of temporary reduction period)

- (1) In the heading to section 42A, after “**temporary reduction period**”, insert “**and second temporary reduction period**”.
- (2) After section 42A(2), insert:
  - (2A) In sections 42B to 42G, unless the context otherwise requires, **second temporary reduction period** means the period—
    - (a) beginning on 1 March 2023; and
    - (b) ending on one of the following dates:
      - (i) the date specified by an Order in Council made under subsection (2B); or
      - (ii) if no Order in Council has been made under subsection (2B), 30 June 2023.
  - (2B) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council made before the second temporary reduction period ends, shorten or extend the second temporary reduction period to a date specified in the order.
- (3) In section 42A(3), after “subsection (2)”, insert “or (2B)”.

## 5 Section 42B amended (Temporary reduction in rate of road user charges)

- (1) In section 42B(1), after “temporary reduction period”, insert “or second temporary reduction period”.
- (2) In section 42B(3), replace the definition of **normal rate** with:

**normal rate** means,—

  - (a) for the temporary reduction period, the GST-inclusive rate—
    - (i) applying immediately before the commencement of the temporary reduction period; and
    - (ii) specified for the RUC licence—
      - (A) in the Road User Charges (Rates) Regulations 2015; or
      - (B) by notice given under section 90A(2); and
  - (b) for the second temporary reduction period, the GST-inclusive rate specified for the RUC licence—

- (i) from time to time in regulations made under section 85; or
  - (ii) by notice given under section 90A(2).
- (3) In section 42B(6), after “section 42A(2)”, insert “or the second temporary reduction period is extended by an Order in Council under section 42A(2B)”.

**6 Section 42G amended (Repeal)**

In section 42G(1), replace “12 months after the end of the temporary reduction period” with “5 years after the second temporary reduction period ends”.

## **Part 2**

### **Consequential amendments**

**7 Section 42C amended (Road user charges that apply after end of temporary reduction period)**

- (1) In the heading to section 42C, after “**temporary reduction period**”, insert “**or second temporary reduction period**”.
- (2) In section 42C, after “temporary reduction period”, insert “or second temporary reduction period”.

**8 Section 42D amended (When assessments may be issued)**

- (1) In section 42D(2), after “temporary reduction period”, insert “or second temporary reduction period”.
- (2) In section 42D(3)(a), after “2022”, insert “or any subsequent orders made from time to time under clause 20 of Schedule 3 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018”.
- (3) In section 42D(3)(b), after “temporary reduction period”, insert “or second temporary reduction period”.
- (4) In section 42D(5)(a), after “section 42A(1)”, insert “and (2A)”.

**9 Section 42E amended (How assessments are to be calculated)**

In section 42E, formula, item b, after “temporary reduction period”, insert “or second temporary reduction period”.

### **Legislative history**

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22 February 2023	First reading, second reading, committee of the whole House, third reading
27 February 2023	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Transport.