

# **Coroners (Doctors Fees) Regulations 2022**

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

# **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 23rd day of May 2022

#### Present:

The Right Hon Jacinda Ardern presiding in Council

These regulations are made under section 140 of the Coroners Act 2006 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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# Regulations

## 1 Title

These regulations are the Coroners (Doctors Fees) Regulations 2022.

#### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 July 2022.

#### 3 Application

These regulations apply to a written report under section 40 of the Act if the request for that report was made by a coroner on or after 1 July 2022.

## 4 Interpretation

In these regulations,—

Act means the Coroners Act 2006

eligible doctor means a doctor who is not—

- (a) a salaried employee of a district health board; or
- (b) otherwise paid by a public service agency to write reports under section 40 of the Act as part of their regular duties.

#### 5 Fee for writing report under section 40 of Act

- (1) A fee of the amount specified in subclause (2) is payable to an eligible doctor who has produced a written report to a coroner under section 40 of the Act.
- (2) The fee is payable at a rate of \$200 per hour plus goods and services tax, calculated on a pro rata basis rounded up to the nearest whole minute, up to a maximum fee payable of \$800 plus goods and services tax.

Michael Webster, Clerk of the Executive Council.

# **Explanatory note**

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 July 2022, prescribe the fees that eligible doctors will be paid for writing a report for a coroner under section 40 of the Coroners Act 2006 (the **Act**). A doctor is eligible to be paid the fee if they are not a salaried employee of a district health board or otherwise paid by a public service agency to write reports under section 40 of the Act as part of their regular duties. The fee will apply for reports requested by a coroner on or after 1 July 2022.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Justice.