

**Reprint
as at 9 September 1988**



**Companies (Preferential Payments)
Order 1988**
(SR 1988/198)

Paul Reeves, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 6th day of September 1988

Present:
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 308(2) of the Companies Act 1955, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following order.

Note

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

This order is administered by the Ministry of Economic Development.

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Order**1 Title and commencement**

- (1) This order may be cited as the Companies (Preferential Payments) Order 1988.
- (2) This order shall come into force on 10 October 1988.

2 Preferential payments to employees in a winding up

The amount of \$6,000 is hereby prescribed for the purposes of subsection (2) of section 308 of the Companies Act 1955 as the maximum sum to which priority is to be given, in the case of any one employee, under any of paragraphs (a), (b), and (ca) of subsection (1) of that section.

Marie Shroff,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

Section 308 of the Companies Act 1955 specifies the priority to be given in a winding up to payment of certain debts owing in respect of employees' wages and other specified matters.

That section currently provides that the total sum to which priority is to be given in respect of certain of those debts shall not, in the case of any one employee, exceed \$2,000.

This order, which comes into force on 10 October 1988, increases that sum to \$6,000.

The increased sum will not apply, by reason of section 308(8) of the Companies Act 1955,—

- (a) in the case of a winding up, if the relevant date (eg, the date of the winding-up order) occurred before 10 October 1988; or
- (b) in the case of a receivership or other similar situation, if the date referred to in section 101(3) of the Companies Act 1955 (eg, the date of the appointment of the receiver) occurred before 10 October 1988.

Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.
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Notes**1 General**

This is a reprint of the Companies (Preferential Payments) Order 1988. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the order as at 9 September 1988, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 Status of reprints

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 How reprints are prepared

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint
(most recent first)*
