

Oranga Tamariki (Youth Advocates) Regulations 2020

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 6th day of July 2020

Present:

The Right Hon Jacinda Ardern presiding in Council

These regulations are made under section 447 of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Oranga Tamariki (Youth Advocates) Regulations 2020.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 13 August 2020.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, **Act** means the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989.

4 Transitional, savings, and related provisions

The transitional, savings, and related provisions (if any) set out in Schedule 1 have effect according to their terms.

5 Eligibility for appointment as youth advocate

- (1) This regulation applies to a youth advocate appointed by the chief executive under section 248A of the Act.
- (2) A youth advocate must, so far as practicable, be suitably qualified to represent a child or young person by reason of personality, cultural background, training, and experience.
- (3) Where possible, the chief executive must reappoint the same youth advocate who has represented the child or young person previously.

6 Amounts payable to youth advocate

- (1) This regulation applies to a youth advocate who is appointed under section 248A or 323 of the Act.
- (2) An hourly rate of pay of \$158.45 is payable to a youth advocate.
- (3) In addition, the following travel costs are payable to a youth advocate:
 - (a) \$72.45 per hour; and
 - (b) 79 cents per kilometre travelled by the youth advocate.
- (4) The amounts in this regulation are inclusive of goods and services tax.

Schedule 1 Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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Part 1

Provisions relating to these regulations as made

There are no transitional, savings, or related provisions relating to these regulations as made.

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 13 August 2020, prescribe the amounts payable to a youth advocate appointed under section 248A or 323 of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (the **Act**). They also prescribe eligibility criteria for a youth advocate appointed under section 248A of the Act, which align with the criteria for eligibility under section 323 of the Act.

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These regulations are administered by Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children.