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**THE HOUSING IMPROVEMENT REGULATIONS 1947,
AMENDMENT NO. 3**

DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 25th day of August 1975

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. W. E. ROWLING PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 15 of the Urban Renewal and Housing Improvement Act 1945, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and on the recommendation of the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Health, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing Improvement Regulations 1947, Amendment No. 3, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Housing Improvement Regulations 1947* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Short stay hostels—(1) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following definition:

“‘Short stay hostel’ means a boarding house or lodging house for the time being declared to be a short stay hostel pursuant to regulation 3A of these regulations.”

(2) The principal regulations are hereby further amended by inserting, after regulation 3, the following regulation:

“3A. (1) On application to it by the proprietor thereof, a local authority in whose district a boardinghouse or lodginghouse is situated may, by notice in writing delivered to the applicant, declare it to be a short stay hostel.

*S.R. 1947/200 (Reprinted with Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1962/196)
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“(2) If in the opinion of the local authority a boardinghouse or lodginghouse which is a short stay hostel is being used by guests for periods in excess of 3 nights, the local authority may by notice in writing delivered to the proprietor declare that it is no longer a short stay hostel; and it shall thereupon cease to be a short stay hostel.”

(3) Regulation 19 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after subclause (4), the following subclause:

“(4A) Notwithstanding subclause (4) (b) of this regulation, no short stay hostel shall for the purposes of this Part of these regulations be deemed to be overcrowded by reason only of the fact that the number of persons who sleep in any bedroom therein of an area specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to these regulations exceeds the number calculated in accordance with the second such column in relation to that area if—

- (a) The short stay hostel is constructed in accordance with the standards prescribed by the local authority in whose district it is situated or in accordance with New Zealand Standard 1900 and Model General By-law, Licensing and Control of Apartment Buildings and Boardinghouses, New Zealand Standard 9201, chapter 3; and
- (b) The bedroom is fitted with windows of such type, construction, and location, and fixed open to such an extent, as may be required by the said local authority; and
- (c) The bedroom has either 2 external walls or one external wall and a permanently open vent in the roof; and
- (d) The area of the bedroom is such that there is at least 3.5 m² for each person who sleeps in it.

A. C. McLEOD,
Acting for 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 amend the principal regulations by creating a special category of boardinghouse or lodginghouse to be known as a short stay hostel. So long as it is adequately ventilated and is used by guests for no more than 3 nights in succession, a bedroom in a short stay hostel needs measure only 3.5 m² per person—a lower standard than that required for other types of accommodation.

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These regulations are administered in the Housing Corporation of New Zealand.