



NEW ZEALAND **CUSTOMS SERVICE** TE MANA ĀRAI O AOTEAROA

Under section 421(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018,

I, Christine Stevenson, Chief Executive, New Zealand Customs Service, make the following rules:

Customs (Certificate of Clearance) Amendment Rules 2025

Signed at Wellington

This 28th day of November 2025

Christine Stevenson

Chief Executive, New Zealand Customs Service

Customs (Certificates of Clearance) Amendment Rules 2025

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Part 1

Rules

Section 1 Preliminary provisions

1.1 Title

These rules are the *Customs (Certificates of Clearance) Amendment Rules 2025*.

1.2 Commencement

These rules come into force on 1 February 2026.

1.3 Principal Rules

These rules amend the Customs (Certificates of Clearance) Rules 2024.

1.4 Principal Rules to continue in force

The Principal Rules continue in force, except to the extent that they are amended by these rules.

Section 2 Amendments to Part 1 of the Principal Rules

2.1 Rule 2.4 amended

2.1(1) In rule 2.4(1), replace “The person completing a certificate under these rules” with “The person who is in charge of the craft and who is seeking a certificate of clearance”.

2.1(2) In rule 2.4(2) replace “the person” with “the person who is in charge of the craft and who is seeking a certificate of clearance”.

Section 3 Amendments to Part 2 of Principal Rules

3.1 Schedule 2 amended

3.1(1) In Schedule 2 of Part 2, replace “Customs Place” with “Customs Place or other point of departure approved by the Chief Executive”.

Explanatory Note

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

These rules, which come into force on 1 February 2026, amend the Customs (Certificate of Clearance) Rules 2024 (the **Principal Rules**).

The Principal Rules prescribe the way in which a certificate of clearance may be granted for a craft to depart from New Zealand, in accordance with section 37(6) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 (the Act). The key amendments made by these rules are:

- Minor changes to rule 2.4 of Part 1 to clarify the person who is required to answer questions and to make declarations.
- Minor changes to Schedule 2 of Part 2 to clarify the prescribed information required in relation to a certificate of clearance for an aircraft.

Reliance on section 53 of the Legislation Act 2019

These rules are made under sections 37(6) and 421(1) of the Act, as extended by section 53(2)(c) of the Legislation Act 2019. Section 53(2) of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that a power in legislation to approve or prescribe a form includes a power to authorise a prescribed person to approve or prescribe a form or medium for supplying information or making information available.

These rules are secondary legislation, under the Legislation Act 2019. They are published on the New Zealand Customs Service's website: www.customs.govt.nz.

These rules are administered by the New Zealand Customs Service.

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