

Legal Aid News

Updated Supervised Provider Policy

Legal and Operational Services has updated the Supervised Provider Policy for legal aid providers, following consultation with the New Zealand Law Society (NZLS), the Auckland District Law Society, the Criminal Bar Association, the New Zealand Bar Association and legal aid lawyers.

In line with providers' feedback, the new amended policy introduces greater discretion for lead providers to decide the appropriate level of supervision for work they delegate to a supervised provider.

Please note that lead providers' regulatory responsibilities have not changed – as a lead provider you continue to be responsible for the quality of supervised providers' work, regardless of the level of supervision.

We wish to thank those of you who responded for your insights. They were carefully considered in shaping the final policy.

To view the new policy click [here](#)

To view the response to consultation click [here](#)

Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988

Legal Aid Services is changing the way it approves and assesses applications for cases under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.

From August 4 we will no longer automatically record the person who applied for legal aid as the “representative” of the person who is the subject of these proceedings.

This means applications for aid will now be assessed on the applicant's finances, rather than the subject person's - unless there is a representative.

Representatives will be recognised where they have been appointed by the Court or there is an enduring Power of Attorney.

A table summarising who will be the applicant for legal aid and whose resources will be assessed for purposes of determining eligibility for aid can be found [here](#).

RealMe

We would like to remind all Resolution Management System (RMS) users that you will be required to use RealMe to log in from 30 June.

By now all users should have received an email explaining how to create a RealMe login, so if you haven't done so already please take time to read it and follow the instructions.

Online learning tools are also available under the RMSW navigation menu.

By verifying who the users of RMS are, using RealMe, we're better able to protect and secure the information of people using the range of out-of-court services such as Parenting through Separation courses, Family Dispute Resolution and the Family Legal Advice Service.

Should you require assistance with your RealMe account, please contact RMS support line on 0800 774 418.