



## Law changes for incorporated societies

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 (the new Act) came into force on 6 April 2022 but societies don't need to do anything just yet.

The next step involves developing the regulations that will support the new Act. By October 2023 societies will be able to reregister.

To read more, including a summary of the key changes the new Act will bring, refer to the [law changes section on our website](#).

### Developing the regulations

Now that the new Act has come into force, regulations that provide details of the new law will need to be developed.

We expect draft regulations to be published before the end of 2022. They will be available for public consultation, and we encourage societies to take the opportunity to have their say by making a submission before the regulations are finalised. We will contact you closer to the time to let you know more about how you can provide feedback.

The regulations will be finalised no later than September 2023.

### Societies will need to reregister

Societies will be able to reregister with us from October 2023. There will be a transition period of 2½ years to allow societies to do so. Societies that don't reregister by April 2026, will cease to exist.

### What reregistration means

The reregistration process will involve reregistering on the Incorporated Societies Register at [www.societies.govt.nz](http://www.societies.govt.nz), and providing us with an up-to-date rules document (constitution). After reregistration, your society will continue operating as the same legal entity it has always been.

Please note, while some of the regulations will deal with the reregistration process (for example, what information must accompany the application), none of them will touch on what a constitution document must include. These requirements are prescribed by [section 26 of the new Act](#) and are not going to change.

## What you can do now

You can check our website at [www.societies.govt.nz](http://www.societies.govt.nz) regularly for the latest information about the law changes. You can also choose to receive updates from us directly to your inbox.

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