



Reserve Bank of New Zealand (Economic Objective) Amendment Act 2023

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**1 Title**

This Act is the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (Economic Objective) Amendment Act 2023.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent.

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 2021.

Part 1**Amendment to Reserve Bank of New Zealand's objectives****4 Section 9 amended (Bank's objectives)**

Replace section 9(1)(a) and the heading above section 9(1)(a) with:

Economic objective

- (a) the economic objective of achieving and maintaining stability in the general level of prices over the medium term; and

Part 2**Related amendments****5 Section 4 amended (Overview)**

In section 4(3)(a) and (4)(a), replace “economic objectives” with “economic objective”.

6 Section 10 amended (Bank's functions)

In section 10(1)(a)(i), replace “objectives” with “objective”.

7 Section 116 amended (Central bank functions)

In section 116(a), replace “objectives” with “objective”.

8 Section 117 amended (Function to formulate monetary policy through MPC)

Replace section 117(1) with:

- (1) The Bank, acting through the MPC, has the function of formulating a monetary policy directed to the economic objective of achieving and maintaining stability in the general level of prices over the medium term.

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Section 118 amended (MPC must formulate monetary policy in manner consistent with economic objectives and MPC remit)
- (1)

In the heading to section 118, replace “objectives” with “objective”.
- (2)

In section 118(a), replace “objectives” with “objective”.
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Section 123 amended (Contents of MPC remit)
- (1)

In section 123, replace “an economic objective” with “the economic objective” in each place.
- (2)

In section 123(2)(b), after “economic objectives”, insert “(if an Order in Council in force under section 125 provides for more than 1 economic objective)”.
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Section 125 amended (Order providing for different economic objective or objectives)
- (1)

Replace section 125(2) with:
- (2)

The economic objective or objectives may be in addition to or instead of the economic objective specified in section 9(1)(a).
- (2)

In section 125(3)(b), replace “either or both of the economic objectives” with “the economic objective”.
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Section 136 amended (Effect of directions on operational objectives)
- In section 136(1), replace “economic objectives” with “economic objective”.
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Section 138 amended (Effect of directions on monetary policy)
- In section 138(1), replace “objectives” with “objective”.

Legislative history

12 December 2023	Introduction (Bill 2–1), first reading, second reading, committee of the whole House, third reading
19 December 2023	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Treasury.