

# NZ Law Style Guide

## THIS IS A QUICK GUIDE TO THE NEW ZEALAND LAW STYLE GUIDE (3RD EDITION)

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- The footnote and reference list citations are the same minus the pinpoint reference in the reference list.
- If a case has paragraph numbers, refer to these and use square brackets around the number. If not just use the page number without square brackets. If there is an official neutral citation for a case it **must** be included.
- Separate your bibliography/reference list into sections for different types of resource – such as Books, Journals, Table of Legislation and Table of Cases. For the latter two also separate by jurisdiction, putting New Zealand material first. See [Appendix 7](#) for a sample reference list/bibliography.
- Short quotations under 30 words are written in text with quote marks. Longer quotations are in a smaller font and indented (see [1.2.2](#)).
- If a source is cited that is the same as the preceding reference uses the form “At pinpoint”. The citations below illustrate this:

<sup>1</sup> *R v Arbuckle* [2000] 3 NZLR 49 (CA).

<sup>2</sup> Crimes Act 1961, s3.

<sup>3</sup> *R v Arbuckle*, above n1 at 7.

<sup>4</sup> At 6.

### EXAMPLES OF REFERENCES BY TYPE

Citation	Style guide reference
<b>Cases in General</b> Look here to determine which case citation rule applies. The rest of “chapter 3” goes through the various elements of each type of case in detail. This quick guide merely lists key examples it is not exhaustive. If in doubt check the full guide.	<a href="#">3.1</a>
<b>Reported Cases with a Neutral citation</b> <i>Z v Dental Complaints Assessment Committee</i> [2008] NZSC 55, [2009] 1 NZLR 1 at [26]. <i>Many recent reported cases have a neutral citation for the unreported version, this MUST be included in your footnote and reference list entry.</i>	<a href="#">3.3.2</a> . See <a href="#">3.3.3</a> for the year in which each court adopted neutral citations.
<b>Reported case without a neutral citation</b> <i>Taylor v New Zealand Poultry Board</i> [1984] 1 NZLR 394 (CA) at 398. <i>Include the court identifier in brackets before the “at pinpoint” part of your footnote</i>	<a href="#">3.2.7</a>
<b>Unreported case with neutral citation</b> <i>Attorney-General v X</i> [2007] NZCA 388 at [70].	<a href="#">3.3</a>
<b>Unreported case with court file number</b> <i>R v Tuhou</i> HC Napier CRI-2007-020-2820, 11 September 2008 at [13].	<a href="#">3.4</a>
<b>Maori Land Court and Maori Appellate Court</b> <i>Craig v Kira - Wainui 2F4D</i> (2006) 7 Whangarei Appellate MB 1 (7 APWH 1).	<a href="#">3.5</a>
<b>Statute</b> Copyright Act 1994, s3.	<a href="#">4.1.1</a>
<b>Bills</b> Judicial Matters Bill 2008 (216-1), cl3.	<a href="#">4.2.1</a>
<b>Legislative Instruments (eg regulations, orders, rules).</b> Costs in Criminal Cases Regulations 1987, reg 2(1).	<a href="#">4.3.1</a>

<p><b>Hansard</b> (6 April 2005) 624 NZPD 19676. <i>If citing a debate which is yet to appear in the bound volumes, give subject and speaker details in lieu of a page number.</i></p>	<a href="#">5.1.1.</a>
<p><b>Submission to select committee</b> New Zealand Law Society “Submission to the Justice and Electoral Committee on the Arbitration Amendment Bill 2017” at [3].</p>	<a href="#">5.1.3</a>
<p><b>Waitangi Tribunal Report</b> Waitangi Tribunal <i>East Coast Settlement Report</i> (Wai 2190, 2010) at 51.</p>	<a href="#">3.6</a>
<p><b>Book</b> Ross Carter Burrows and Carter Statute Law in New Zealand (5th ed, LexisNexis, Wellington, 2015) at 311. <i>For more than three authors just list the first one followed by the words and others</i></p>	<a href="#">6.1.1</a>
<p><b>Chapter/essay in an edited book where each chapter is by a different author</b> Jessica Palmer “Constructive Trusts” in Andrew Butler (ed) <i>Equity and Trusts in New Zealand</i> (2nd ed, Thomson Reuters, Wellington, 2009) 335 at 339. <i>If the book is just being referred to in general without a specific chapter reference use rule 6.1.1.</i></p>	<a href="#">6.2.1</a>
<p><b>Journal article</b> Peter Watts “Birks’ Unjust Enrichment” (2005) 121 LQR 163 at 165.</p>	<a href="#">6.4.1</a>
<p><b>Online commentaries and looseleaf texts</b> Mathew Downs (ed) <i>Cross on Evidence</i> (online ed, LexisNexis) at [1.2]. <i>Where you are using the hardcopy looseleaf version of a commentary put looseleaf ed instead of online ed.</i></p>	<a href="#">6.3.1</a>
<p><b>Seminar/Conference paper</b> Tracey Epps “Merchants in the Temple? The Implications of the GATS for Canada’s Health Care System” (paper presented to National Health Law Conference, Toronto, January 2004).</p>	<a href="#">6.7.2</a>
<p><b>Reports</b> Roger Procter <i>Enhancing Productivity: Towards an Updated Action Agenda</i> (Ministry of Economic Development, Occasional Paper 11/01, March 2011) at 10.</p>	<a href="#">5.4</a>
<p><b>Law Commission Report</b> Law Commission <i>The Prosecution of Offences</i> (NZLC PP12, 1990) at 2.</p>	<a href="#">5.2.3</a>
<p><b>Laws of New Zealand (online)</b> Charles Rickett <i>Laws of New Zealand Equity</i> (online ed) at [98].</p>	<a href="#">6.6.2</a>
<p><b>Internet Material</b> Dean Knight “Parliament and the Bill of Rights – a blasé attitude?” (6 April 2009) LAWS179 Elephants and the Law &lt;<a href="http://www.laws179.co.nz">www.laws179.co.nz</a>&gt;.</p>	<a href="#">7.1.1</a>
<p><b>Magazines and Newspaper articles</b> Rob Hosking “Messy Allowance Law Finally Gets Clarity” <i>The National Business Review</i> (New Zealand, 17 July 2009) at 2. OR Audrey Young “Entire NZ China trade board resigns” <i>The New Zealand Herald</i> (online ed, Auckland, 24 June 2011).</p>	<a href="#">7.2.1</a>
<p><b>Cases from specific jurisdictions</b> The style guide has citation guidance for cases from a number of other jurisdictions such as Australia, Canada the US and the UK</p>	<a href="#">Chapter 8</a>
<p><b>Legislation from specific jurisdictions</b> The style guide has citation guidance for legislation from a number of other jurisdictions such as Australia, Canada the US and the UK</p>	<a href="#">Chapter 9</a>
<p><b>International materials</b> See this section for how to cite materials from international bodies such as the UN as well as information about citing Treaties and other international instruments.</p>	<a href="#">Chapter 10</a>

*This is not an exhaustive list of reference types or sub-types. If what you are citing does not appear here consult the full guide.*