Westlaw NZ

Finding future amendments to legislation

Once an amendment has been assented, but it isn't yet in force, Westlaw NZ legislation is usually updated with a "future version" tab so you can see what the legislation will look like when the change comes into effect.

From the left side of the home page, click the Legislation and Commentary search template

Step 1: Into the Legislation (Title) field, enter the name of the Act or Legislative Instrument

Step 2: From the foot of the search template, untick Law in Force

Step 3 Place a tick into Prospective Law

Step 4: Click Search

The result screen will indicate the upcoming changes. Some of these may be amendments, new sections or definitions, and you will see symbols (status flags) which act as visual prompts for you to recognize the status of the legislation you're looking at. Hover your mouse over these symbols to see what they mean.

Important Note: If a future legislative change is scheduled to come into force within 21 days of receipt of the amending authority, a "future version" tab will not appear, therefore the search results will not reflect those changes. In all instances, users should also check the Updater tab on the title page/front page of the piece of legislation they are looking at, where such changes will be referred to. See below.

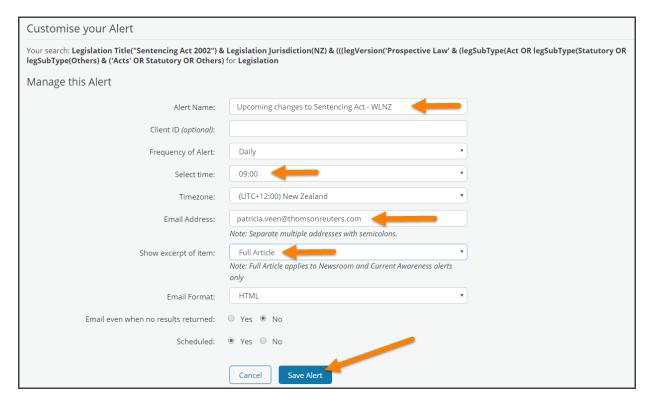


FIND FUTURE AMENDMENTS AND SET UP AN ALERT

Setting up an Alert to find further future changes to the that same legislation



- Step 5: From the search result screen, click on the bell symbol
- Step 6: On the Customise your Alert page that appears, we recommend that you:
 - ⇒ Enter an alert name of your choice example below
 - ⇒ Change time to 9am
 - ⇒ Ensure your correct email address appears
 - ⇒ Change to Full Article
 - ⇒ Click Save Alert (this will be saved into My Alerts in the blue toolbar you can edit it any time)



See also Westlaw NZ - Checking the currency of Legislation

(https://support.thomsonreuters.co.nz/product/westlaw-nz/articles/westlaw-nz-checking-currency-legislation)