



Re : CHANGES TO NEW ZEALAND POLICE VETTING SERVICE

Dear Madam or Sir

The purpose of this email is to tell you about changes to the New Zealand Police Vetting Service. These changes have been happening over the last six months and will continue to be developed and implemented during 2014 and 2015.

Our aim is to continue to deliver a high quality service to all agencies with better processes, and improved customer experience.

First, we have had a name change from *Licensing and Vetting* to New Zealand Police Vetting Service. This is a result of an internal realignment within the New Zealand Police. The Vetting Service now falls under the direct responsibility of the Communications Centres Group.

New request and consent form

One of the improvements we are making to our service is a new combined request and consent form. This form will replace the separate Section 7 (Clean Slate) and Section 19 (Exception) forms currently in use. The new consent form will be published on our website as soon as it is available for use, and should be used in place of the current form, although there will be a one month grace period to allow for forms which have already been issued to individuals to be used.

New Approved Agency Agreement


A new agreement is also being developed and will soon be used in place of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). All agencies will be required to sign up to the new agreement in order to continue to access the Vetting Service. A copy of the new Approved Agency Agreement will be sent out to you for signing as soon as it has been finalised.

Clean Slate or Exception criteria review

The Vetting Service is also currently reviewing the criteria which defines whether a vetting request is Clean Slate or Exception. There will likely be a change as to what roles can be submitted as 'Exception' checks as we must comply with the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004. We will notify agencies of any changes once they have been confirmed.

Australian criminal history checks - a new service

In 2014 we will be introducing a new service which will offer Australian criminal history checks. Approved Agencies will be able to apply, on a consent basis, for an Australian criminal history check as part of their normal vetting process through QueryMe. The aim of this new service is to help mitigate risk by checking the Australian criminal history (convictions and active charges) of potential candidates in New Zealand, as well as obtaining the usual New Zealand vet. We are working to finalise the finer details of this service and will provide you with further information when the service is ready to be



implemented. Minister of Justice, Hon. Judith Collins, recently released a press statement about this new service, which you can find at

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/australia-and-new-zealand-expand-trial-criminal-history-information>

The Vetting Service will communicate changes and improvements as they are implemented and if you have any questions or queries then please email:

vetting.updates@police.govt.nz

Yours faithfully,

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