

TOBACCO RETAILER 2025



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Welcome to Regional Public Health's Tobacco Retailer 2025 newsletter for retailers and shop-owners.

This newsletter will be published bi-annually to give you up to date information and news.

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VAPING AMENDMENT BILL UPDATED

The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Bill was passed by Parliament on 6 August and received Royal Assent on 11 August.

The new legislation regulates vaping products and heated tobacco devices in New Zealand. A copy of the Act is available at www.legislation.govt.nz.

From November 2020, prohibitions will be in place on vaping in the workplace, advertising and sponsorships related to vaping products, and the sale of vaping products to those under-18 years old.

A range of regulations to fully implement the provisions of the new legislation will be phased in over time and will be publicly consulted on.

The new law will come into force on 11 November, and its provisions will be phased in as follows:

From November 2020:

- Vaping in workplaces prohibited
- Advertising and sponsorship relating to vaping products prohibited
- Sale of vaping products and toy vaping products to under-18s prohibited
- Importation and sale of products for oral use prohibited
- Manufacturers and importers must advise the Ministry of Health of adverse reactions to vaping products

From May 2021:

- Schools, early childhood centres, etc. must display 'no smoking/no vaping' signs

From August 2021:

- New regulations expected to come into force
- Retailers can apply to be specialist vape retailers
- Manufacturers and importers can start notifying their products
- Vaping Amendment Bill Update
- Quit Strong
- Newsletter changes

From February 2022:

- Only notified products can be sold
- Manufacturers and importers must notify their products each year
- Retailers must display health warnings and R18 notices

The Ministry of Health is currently developing some resources which will explain the new legislation and information on the requirements needed in order for vaping retailers to achieve and maintain compliance with the new law. We will get these to you as soon as they become available.

For more information: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventativehealth-wellness/tobacco-control/vaping-smokefreeenvironments-and-regulated-products>



<https://pixabay.com/photos/e-cigarette-vaping-blur-cigs-blur-1301670/>

COVID-19 WARNING

People who smoke, or have a strong history of smoking, are at risk of developing more severe symptoms from COVID-19 than non-smokers. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

To help avoid the spread of COVID-19, people who smoke or vape should not share their shisha, hookah or vape devices.

If you want to quit smoking, you can contact the local Stop Smoking Service (Takiri Mai Te Ata) on 0800 926 257, or call the Quitline on 0800 778 778.

CANNABIS AND VAPING WARNING

Last year media attention has focused attention on over 2,000 young people in the USA whose death or injury was caused by vaping. What wasn't made clear by the media was that most of these injuries were traced to illicit or home-made cannabis vaping and often related to the inhalation of oils containing vitamin E acetate, which are harmful to the lung. People should not try to make their own 'home-made' vaping oils for the purpose of vaping and should only purchase vape pods and devices from known and trusted retailers.