

## Notice Under the Health Act 1956

Pursuant to section 69O(1) of the Health Act 1956, notice is hereby given that the Minister of Health has issued *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2018)* to supersede the *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2008)*.

The *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand* provide requirements for drinking-water safety by specifying the maximum amounts of substances or organisms or contaminants or residues that may be present in drinking-water, criteria for demonstrating compliance with the Standards and remedial action to be taken in the event of non-compliance with the different aspects of the standards.

The standards now require routine monitoring of total coliforms, and enumeration testing for *E.coli* and total coliforms. In addition, there are a number of minor changes to the Standards to clarify or correct text within the Standards, to simplify compliance procedures, or to move material from the (mandatory) Standards to (voluntary) Guidelines.

The *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2018)* supersede the *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2008)* and come into force on **1 March 2019**.

A copy of the *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2018)* is displayed on the website of the Ministry of Health at <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/drinking-water-standards-new-zealand-2005-revised-2018>.

Copies may be viewed free of charge at the library of the Ministry of Health at 133 Molesworth Street, Wellington, or on application to a drinking-water assessor at any District Health Board public health unit in New Zealand.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of December 2018.