



How to check for existing plant variety rights

It pays to check if your plant variety is original before you apply for a variety right or before you market your variety:

- There is no point in applying for plant variety right registration if it is not original or may be seen as similar to a registered plant variety right;
- The owner of a registered plant variety right can take legal action against anyone trying to market an identical variety.

How can I check that my variety is new?

Start by searching the [New Zealand Plant Variety Rights database](#) of New Zealand Plant Variety Rights. If you need help please [contact us](#).