Registration of trade marks containing protected words may be difficult or prohibited.

If you apply to register a trade mark, a trade mark examiner will do research to determine whether or not it may be registered. They will check things like if your name is unique enough, or contains words that can't be registered due to New Zealand legislation or international treaty.

Some protected words may be registered in trade marks with approval from the relevant organisation. More information is available in our [Trade Marks Practice Guidelines](http://mbie8.cwp.govt.nz/about-ip/trade-marks/practice-guidelines/current/practice-guidelines-absolute-grounds-general/).

Words protected by New Zealand legislation are listed alphabetically below.

Words protected by [Article 6ter](http://www.wipo.int/article6ter/en/) of the Paris Convention are searchable within the [6ter database](http://www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/6ter/search-struct.jsp).


**A**

- Accident Compensation Corporation
- Accounting Standards Review Board
- Agricultural and Marketing Research and Development Trust
- Agricultural Research Centre
- Air Guide
- Air Ranger
- Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand
- Animal Research Laboratory
- Antarctic New Zealand
- Antarctica New Zealand
- ANZAC
- Aotea Centre
Archive New Zealand
Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa
Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand
Asia New Zealand Foundation
Assurance
Assured
Auckland Aotea Centre
Audit
Audit New Zealand

B
Banc
Banca
Bancaire
Banco
Bancorp
Bancorporation
Bank
Banker
Bankers
Banking
Banks
Banque
Beijing 2008
Beijing Commonwealth
Beijing Games
Beijing Olympiad
Beijing Olympian
Beijing Olympic
Boy Scout
Boy Scouts Association
Broadcasting Commission
Broadcasting Standards Authority
Brown Owl
Brownie

C
Career Services
Carillon
Carrillion
Children’s Commissioner
Civil Aviation Authority
Commerce Commission
Commissioner for Children
Commonwealth 2006
Commonwealth 2008
Commonwealth 20th
Commonwealth 26th
Commonwealth 29th
Commonwealth Beijing
Commonwealth Melbourne
Commonwealth Torino
Commonwealth Turin
Commonwealth Twentieth
Commonwealth Twenty-ninth
Commonwealth Twenty-sixth
Commonwealth XXIXth
Commonwealth XXth
Commonwealth XXVIth
Co-op
Cooperative

Co-operative

Correspondence School

Creative NZ

Credit Union

Crown

Crown Law Office

D

D.S.I.R

Department of Building and Housing

Department of Child, Youth and Family Services

Department of Conservation

Department of Corrections

Department of Internal Affairs

Department of Labour

Department of Scientific and Industrial Research

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

District Health Boards

Dominion Physical Laboratory

Drug Free Sport New Zealand

DSIR

E

Eagle Owl

Earthquake Commission

Education Review Office

Electoral Commission

Electricity Corporation of New Zealand Limited

Electricity Governance Board

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority
Environmental Risk Management Authority

F
Fish & Game New Zealand
Fish and Game Councils (Regional)
Foundation for Research, Science, and Technology

G
Gambling Commission
Games 2006
Games 2008
Games 20th
Games 26th
Games 29th
Games Beijing
Games Melbourne
Games Torino
Games Turin
Games Twentieth
Games Twenty-ninth
Games Twenty-sixth
Games XXIXth
Games XXth
Games XXVIth
Genesis Energy
Genesis Power Limited
Geneva Cross
Girl Guide
Girl Guides Association
Golden Kiwi
Government
Government Communications Security Bureau
Government Department
Government Superannuation Fund Authority
Governor General
Governor-General
Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation
Guider

H
Harness Racing New Zealand
Health and Disability Commissioner
Health Research Council of New Zealand
Health Sponsorship Council
Her Majesty
House of Representatives
Housing Corp
Housing Corporation
Housing Corporation of New Zealand
Housing New Zealand
Housing New Zealand Corporation
Human Rights Commission

I
Inland Revenue Department
Instant Kiwi
Institute of Nuclear Sciences
Institute of Technology
Insurance
Insurances
International Atomic Energy Agency
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

International Criminal Police Organisation

International Development Association

International Finance Corporation

International Olympic Committee

Interpol

J

K

L

Land Information New Zealand

Laughing Owl

Law Commission

Legal Services Agency

Lone Guide

Lotto Combo

M

MAF

Management Consultancy Services

Maori Battalion

Maori Language Commission

Maritime New Zealand

Melbourne 2006

Melbourne Commonwealth

Melbourne Games

Melbourne Olympiad

Melbourne Olympian

Melbourne Olympic
National Archives
National Art Gallery
National Library of New Zealand
National Museum
National Olympic Committee
National Provident Fund
National War Memorial
Necal
New Zealand Antarctic Institute
New Zealand Antarctic Programme
New Zealand Artificial Limb Board
New Zealand Blood Service
New Zealand Commonwealth Games Team
New Zealand Communicable Disease Centre
New Zealand Customs Service
New Zealand Defence Force
New Zealand Export - Import Corporation
New Zealand Film Commission
New Zealand Fire Service Commission
New Zealand Fish and Game Council
New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board
New Zealand Geographic Board
New Zealand Government Property Corporation
New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association
New Zealand Lotteries Commission
New Zealand Lottery Grants Board
New Zealand Oceanographic Institute
New Zealand Olympic & Commonwealth Games Association Incorporated
New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated
New Zealand Olympic Team
New Zealand Qualifications Authority
New Zealand Racing Board
New Zealand Royal Foundation of the Blind
New Zealand Security Intelligence Service
New Zealand Soil Bureau
New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Limited
New Zealand Teachers Council
New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing
New Zealand Tourism Board
New Zealand Trade and Enterprise
New Zealand Venture Investment Fund Limited
Nga Pou Taunaha O Aotearoa
Ngai Tahu Ancillary Claims Trust
NZ on Air
NZGS

O
Office of Film and Literature Classification
Office of the Clerk
Office of the Controller and Auditor-general
Office of the Ombudsmen
Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment
Olympiad 2006
Olympiad 2008
Olympiad 20th
Olympiad 26th
Olympiad 29th
Olympiad Beijing
Olympiad Melbourne
Olympic Games
Olympic Gold
Olympic Melbourne
Olympic Torino
Olympic Turin
Olympic Twentieth
Olympic Twenty-ninth
Olympic Twenty-sixth
Olympic XXIXth
Olympic XXth
Olympic XXVIth

P
Pacific Business Trust
Parliament
Parliamentary Counsel Office
Parliamentary Service
Pharmac
Pharmaceutical Management Agency
Physics and Engineering Laboratory
Police
Police Conduct Authority
Polytechnic
Post Guide
Privacy Commissioner
Public Trust

Q
Queen
Quotable Value NZ Limited
R
Racing Conference
Ranger Guide
Red Crescent
Red Cross
Red Lion and Sun
Reinsurance
Re-insurance
Reserves Boards
Residual Health Management Unit
Retirement Commission
Retirement Commissioner
Returned Services
Returned Services' Association
Road Safety Trust
Ross Dependency Research Committee
Royal
Royal Charter
RSA
Ruakura

S
School Boards of Trustees
Scout
Sea Guide
Sea Ranger
Securities Commission
Serious Fraud Office
Social Workers Registration Board
Soil Conservation Centre
Sparc
Sport and Recreation New Zealand
Standards Council
Standards Council New Zealand
State Services Commission
Statistics New Zealand

T
Takeovers Panel
Tawny Owl
Te Hokowhitu Maori 28
Te Kawai Taumata
Te Mangai Paho
Te Ohu Kai Moana
Te Ope Hoia Maori 28
Te Ope Taua Maori 28
Te Papa Tongarewa
Te Putea Whakatupu Trust
Te Reo Whakapuaki Irirangi
Te Taura Whiri I Te Reo Maori
Te Wai Maori Trust Phrase
Television New Zealand Limited
Tertiary Education Commission
Tertiary Education Institutions
Testing Laboratory Registration
Testing Laboratory Registration Council
The Treasury
Toc H
Torino 2006
Torino Commonwealth
Twenty-sixth Olympian
Twenty-sixth Olympic

U
UN
Underwriter
Underwriting
UNDP
UNESCO
UNICEF
UNIFEM
United Nations
United Nations Children’s Fund
United Nations Development Fund for Women
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
University
UNOHCHR

V
Valuation New Zealand Limited

W
War Memorial, Carillon and Hall of Memories
Watertight Homes Resolution Service
Wheat Research Institute
WHO
Work and Income New Zealand
World Bank
World Health Organisation
Names beginning with numbers

2006 Commonwealth
2006 Games
2006 Olympiad
2006 Olympian
2006 Olympic
2008 Commonwealth
2008 Games
2008 Olympiad
2008 Olympian
2008 Olympic
20th Commonwealth
20th Games
20th Olympiad
20th Olympian
20th Olympic
26th Commonwealth
26th Games
26th Olympiad
26th Olympian
26th Olympic
28 Maori Battalion
28th Maori Battalion
28th Maori Battalion (NZ) Association Incorporated
28th Maori Battalion Association
29th Commonwealth
29th Games
29th Olympiad
29th Olympian
29th Olympic
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