

National – ACT – NZ First policy compilation

Public Services

	Coalition government 100-day plan (49 point)	Coalition Agreement National and ACT	Coalition Agreement National and NZ First	National's 100 Day Action Plan	100 point economic plan Rebuilding the economy	National Party Fiscal Plan ¹	Tax Plan Back Pocket Boost ²
Improving public services	Begin work on delivering better public services and strengthening democracy.	Amend the Public Service Act 2020 to clarify the role of the public service, drive performance, and ensure accountability to deliver on the agenda of the government of the day.				<p>National will get back to basics, focus on the frontline, set Better Public Service targets and deliver better results.</p> <p>We will back this up by continuing to increase frontline health and education spending every year. As part of this commitment, National will honour the PREFU health spending pre-commitment which allows for health cost pressures of approximately \$1.4 billion every year.</p>	

¹ The Parties recognise that details of the Fiscal Plan may be subject to amendment in response to significant new information or events. See paragraph 15 of the National – ACT coalition agreement.

² Note that only the key points have been taken from the Tax Plan | Back Pocket Boost.

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Reports and Reviews

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He Puapua / UNDRIP	Stop all work on He Puapua.		Stop all work on He Puapua. Confirm that the Coalition Government does not recognise the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as having any binding legal effect on New Zealand.				
Kāinga Ora	Commission an independent review into Kāinga Ora's financial situation, procurement, and asset management.			Begin the Kāinga Ora clean-up by commissioning an independent review into the organisation's financial situation, procurement, and asset management.			

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Primary and intermediate education	Require primary and intermediate schools to teach an hour of reading, writing and maths per day starting in 2024.		Focus on doing the basics better through emphasising reading, writing, and maths.	Require primary and intermediate schools to teach one hour a day each of reading, writing and maths starting in 2024.	Ensure Kiwi kids are taught the basics brilliantly, with an hour a day each of reading, writing and maths.		
Cellphones in schools	Ban the use of cellphones in schools.		Lift school achievement by ... banning cell phone use at school...	Ban the use of cellphones in schools.	Ban cellphones in schools.		
Assessments and reporting			Lift school achievement by ... regular assessment and reporting to parents.		Implement standardised assessments in schools and require regular reporting to parents.		
Partnership schools		Reintroduce partnership schools and introduce a policy to allow state schools to become partnership schools.					
Independent and integrated schools		Explore further options to increase school choice and expand access to integrated and independent schools including reviewing the independent school funding formula to reflect student numbers.					
Enforcement		Prioritise reporting and enforcement action to reduce truancy, including centrally collecting and publishing attendance data.	Enforce compulsory education and address truancy.				
School curricula	Appoint an Expert Group to redesign the English and maths curricula for primary school students.	Restore balance to the Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories curriculum.	Refocus the curriculum on academic achievement and not ideology, including the removal and replacement of the gender, sexuality, and relationship-based education guidelines.	Appoint an Expert Group to redesign the English and maths curricula for primary school students.			

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School subjects			Lift school achievement by teaching kids an hour each of reading, writing and maths every day...		Set minimum requirements for what schools must teach every year in reading, writing, maths and science. Ensure every child learns to read using the proven structured literacy approach by making it a requirement at primary school.		
Student outcomes					Target 80 per cent of Year 8 children being at or above expected curriculum level in reading, writing, maths and science by 2030. Target a return for New Zealand students to the top 10 in maths, reading and science in the international PISA rankings by 2033.		
School lunches		Improve the cost-effectiveness of the school lunch programme.					
Support for teachers					Deliver better training and more tools to support teachers.		
Fees Free		Replace the Fees Free programme with a final year fees free policy with no change before 2025	Stop first year Fees Free and replace with a final year Fees Free with no change before 2025.				
Amendment of the Education and Training Act 2020		Amend the Education and Training Act 2020 such that tertiary education providers receiving taxpayer funding must commit to a free speech policy. Amend the Education and Training Act 2020 to enshrine educational attainment as the paramount objective for state schools.					

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Te Pūkenga	Begin disestablishing Te Pūkenga.			Begin disestablishing the Te Pūkenga polytech mega-merger and restoring local decision-making.	Undo the disastrous Te Pūkenga polytechnic mega merger and return control back to the regions.		
Apprenticeships			Maintain the Apprenticeship Boost scheme.				

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Health

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Health system targets	Set five major targets for health system, including for wait times and cancer treatment.		Cut health waiting times by training more doctors, nurses, and midwives, and giving Kiwis access to 13 more cancer treatments.	Set five major targets for the health system, including for wait times and cancer treatment.			
Health expenditure and funding						<p>National is committed to increasing health expenditure every year in government, including matching Treasury's assessment of health sector cost pressures as set out in the PREFU, worth approximately \$1.4 billion each year over the next four years.</p> <p>National is also allocating funding to a series of new health initiatives – including additional medical school training places and a new bonding scheme for graduate nurses and midwives.</p> <p>Over four years, these combined health commitments are worth almost \$15 billion.</p>	
Hospital security	Improve security for the health workforce in hospital emergency departments.			Improve hospital emergency department health workforce security.			
Medical school	Sign an MoU with Waikato University to progress a third medical school.	Full cost benefit analysis must be presented before any binding agreement is made with respect to the Waikato medical school.		Sign an MOU with Waikato University to progress a third medical school.		National is also allocating funding to a series of new health initiatives – including additional medical school training places ...	
WHO health regulations	By 1 December 2023, lodge a reservation against adopting amendments to WHO health regulations to allow the government to consider these against a "national interest test".						

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Māori Health Authority	Introduce legislation to disestablish the Māori Health Authority.	Disestablish the Māori Health Authority.	Abolish the Māori Health Authority.	Introduce legislation to disestablish the Māori Health Authority.			
Breast cancer screening	Take first steps to extend free breast cancer screening to those aged up to 74.			Introduce legislation to extend free breast cancer screening for those aged up to 74 years.			
Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and regulations	Repeal amendments to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and regulations.	Repeal the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Act 2022 to remove the requirements for denicotisation and the reduction in retail outlets.	Repeal amendments to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and regulations before March 2024, removing requirements for denicotisation, removing the reduction in retail outlets and the generation ban, while also amending vaping product requirements and taxing smoked products only.				
Vapes, smokeless tobacco and oral nicotine products		Introduce serious penalties for selling vapes to under 18s, and consider requiring a liquor licence to sell vapes.	Reform the regulation of vaping, smokeless tobacco and oral nicotine products while banning disposable vaping products and increasing penalties for illegal sales to those under 18.				
Sale of pseudoephedrine	Allow the sale of cold medication containing pseudoephedrine.	Allow the sale of cold medication containing pseudoephedrine.					
Therapeutic Products Act 2023	Begin work to repeal the Therapeutics Products Act 2023.	Repeal the Therapeutic Products Act 2023.	Repeal the Therapeutic Products Act 2023.				
COVID-19 Royal Commission		Broaden the terms of reference of the Royal Commission into the Covid-19 response, subject to public consultation.					

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Pharmac		Update Pharmac's decision making model to ensure it appropriately takes patient voice into account and reform the funding model to account for positive fiscal impacts on the Crown of funding more medicines.	Update Pharmac's decision making model to ensure it appropriately takes "patient's voice" into account and increase funding for Pharmac every year.			National will also provide the ongoing funding for Pharmac's budget, which was left facing a fiscal cliff in Budget 2023.	
Ministry of Health		Require the Ministry of Health to publish a Medicines Strategy every three years.					
Pharmaceuticals / Medsafe		Require Medsafe to approve new pharmaceuticals within 30 days of them being approved by at least two overseas regulatory agencies recognised by New Zealand.	Require Medsafe to approve new pharmaceuticals within 30 days of them being approved by at least two overseas regulatory agencies recognised by New Zealand.				
Overseas medical qualifications and experience		Better recognise people with overseas medical qualifications and experience for accreditation in New Zealand including consideration of an occupations tribunal.	Better recognise people with overseas medical qualifications and experience for accreditation in New Zealand.				
Nursing and midwifery					<p>Incentivise more people to study nursing and midwifery, and to stay here with a bonding scheme that will pay their student loan for five years if they commit to working in New Zealand.</p> <p>Establish a relocation support scheme, offering up to 1000 qualified overseas nurses and midwives relocation grants worth up to \$10,000 each to support their move to New Zealand.</p>	National is also allocating funding to a series of new health initiatives – including ... a new bonding scheme for graduate nurses and midwives.	

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Staffing			Progress the adoption of digital technology in harder to staff areas and make greater use of Nurse Practitioners.				
Hospitals		Investigate build and lease-back arrangements for new hospitals.					
Pharmacist qualifications		Allow appropriately qualified pharmacists to directly prescribe certain treatments.					
End of Life Choice Act 2019		Agree the terms of reference for the statutory requirement to review the End of Life Choice Act 2019 following consultation between the Parties, with any potential future changes to be progressed by way of a member's bill, recognising this is a conscience issue.					
MAPAS		Examine the Māori and Pacific Admission Scheme (MAPAS) and Otago equivalent to determine if they are delivering desired outcomes.					
St John funding			Renegotiate the Crown funding agreement with St John with a view to meeting a greater portion of their annualised budget.				
Plunket			Ensure Plunket is funded to do their job properly.				
Birthing and maternity care			Ensure proper funding for birthing units and maternity care, including providing for a three day stay for new mothers.				

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Gumboot Friday / I Am Hope Charity			Fund Gumboot Friday I Am Hope Charity to \$6 million per annum.				

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Social housing	Establish a priority one category on the social housing waitlist to move families out of emergency housing into permanent homes more quickly.			Establish a priority one category on the social housing waitlist to move families out of emergency housing and into permanent homes faster.		<p>National will maintain the existing social housing capital allocations in Budget 2023, which span 2023/24 and 2024/25.</p> <p>National will continue to grow the number of social housing places, but will not commit any additional capital to Kāinga Ora until an urgent review of their performance has been completed – including an assessment of Kāinga Ora’s financial resilience. That review will be initiated by the end of 2023.</p> <p>\$50 million over four years for a Social Impact Bond in the social housing sector to be funded from funding set aside for the emergency housing reset.</p>	
Beneficiaries		<p>Implement sanctions, including electronic money management, for beneficiaries who can work but refuse to take agreed steps to find a job.</p> <p>Develop an approved pool of doctors who can issue medical certificates to go onto a health and disability related benefit.</p>	Strengthen obligations on Jobseeker work ready beneficiaries to find work and make use of sanctions for non-compliance with work obligations, and consider time limits for under 25s.		Help young people off welfare and into work, with targeted support to get a job combined with sanctions for those who don’t do their bit.	National will return to indexing main benefits to inflation, which was the standard approach for decades prior to Budget 2019.	

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Oranga Tamariki		<p>Remove Section 7AA from the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989.</p> <p>Create a truly independent monitoring and oversight agency for Oranga Tamariki.</p> <p>Improve the rights and responsibilities of caregivers to give them more autonomy.</p> <p>Increase devolution of care decisions to relevant community organisations.</p>					

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Support for seniors			Support seniors by maintaining the Winter Energy Payment, increasing Super every year and boosting it with our tax relief plan, which will see a superannuitant couple get over \$600 extra each year.				
Superannuation			Keep the superannuation age at 65.				
Resource consents for small structures			Amend the Building Act and the Resource Consent system to make it easier to build granny flats or other small structures up to 60sqm requiring only an engineer's report.				
Retirement Villages Act review			Progress the review of the Retirement Villages Act.				
Super Gold Card and Veterans Card			Upgrade the Super Gold Card and Veterans Card to maximise its potential benefit for all Super Gold Card and Veteran Card holders.				
Residential care beds			Investigate the funding formula for new residential care beds.				
Aged-care sector engagement			Engage openly and constructively with the aged-care sector.				
Select committee inquiry			Undertake a select committee inquiry into aged care provision to include supporting people with early onset conditions and what asset thresholds are appropriate in 2023/24.				

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Rates rebate			Explore options to build on the Local Government Rates Rebate Scheme for Super Gold Card holders.				
Care and dementia beds			Work on establishing bipartisan agreement to fund both care and dementia beds that New Zealand needs now and with a focus on the long term needs by 2040.				
Retirement village owners and occupier relationship			Liaise with retirement village owners and occupiers to seek a mutually agreed way forward to safeguard the interests of the 50,000 plus New Zealanders living in retirement villages.				