

# Declaration of a Special Category Dog

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**WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
 Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

To register as a special category dog, the dog must be used by/for: the Department of Conservation; the Department of Corrections; the Ministry of Primary Industries; the Ministry of Defence; the Ministry of Fisheries; New Zealand Customs Service; New Zealand Defence Force; New Zealand Police.

One of the following: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand; Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust; New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust; Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind; Assistance Dogs Trust; Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust.

Or an organisation specified in an order in council made under 78D of the Dog Control Act 1996.

**Please provide proof of the dog(s) registration or affiliation with the appropriate organisation when submitting your application:**

Proof provided from:  Attached (tick)

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## Dog Owner Details

Owners Name:  Date of birth:   
(Date of birth required for identification purposes under section 34(2) (a) of the Dog Control Act 1996)

or Organisation Name:

Postal Address:

Postcode:  Email:

Address where dog is ordinarily kept:

Handlers name if not Owner:

Mobile phone:  Home phone:

Business phone:

## Dog details:

Dog Name	Breed	Primary Colour	Secondary Colour	Age	Gender

In accordance with section 40(1) of the Dog Control Act 1996, I hereby declare that the dog(s) listed above is a/are full time working dog(s), as defined by section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I understand that if I knowingly provide any false or misleading statements in relation to this declaration that, on summary conviction, I am liable to a fine not exceeding \$3,000

Signature:  Date:  /  /

## Please return form to:

Post to  
 Whanganui District Council  
 PO Box 637  
 Whanganui 4541

hand deliver to  
 Whanganui District Council  
 101 Guyton Street  
 Whanganui 4500

or  
 scan and email completed document to  
[yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:yourcouncil@whanganui.govt.nz)

## Council use only:

Received by Name:  Signature:  Date:  /  /

Owner Name ID:  Animal IDs:

Approved by:  Signature:  Date:  /  /

## **Interpretation of the Dog Control Act 1996**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

**Disability assist dog** means a dog certified by one of the organisations listed in Schedule 5 as being a dog that has been trained (or is being trained) to assist a person with a disability

### **Schedule 5 of the Dog Control Act 1996 Organisations authorized to certify dogs as disability assist dogs**

Assistance Dogs New Zealand  
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand  
K9 Medical Detection New Zealand  
Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust  
New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust  
Pawsible Service Dogs  
Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust  
Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Incorporated

## **Working dog means—**

- (a) any disability assist dog:
- (b) Any dog -
  - (i) kept by the Police or any constable, the New Zealand Customs Service, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Fisheries, or the Ministry of Defence, or any officer or employee of any such department of State solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Police or the department of State or that constable, officer, or employee; or
  - (ii) kept solely or principally for the purpose of herding or driving stock; or
  - (iii) kept by the Department of Conservation or any officer or employee of that department solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that department; or
  - (iv) kept solely or principally for the purposes of destroying pest or pest agents under any pest management plan under the Biosecurity Act 1993; or
  - (iva) kept by the Department of Corrections or any officer or employee of that department solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that department; or
  - (ivb) kept by the Aviation Security Service established under section 7, B(d)(ca) of the Civil Aviation Act 1990, or any officer or employee of that service solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers of that service; or
  - (ivc) certified for use by the Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management for the purposes of carrying out the functions, duties, and powers conferred by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002; or
  - (v) owned by a property guard as defined in section 9 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 or a property guard employee as defined in section 17 of that Act, and kept solely or principally for the purpose of doing the things specified in section 9(j)(a) to (c) of that Act; or
  - (vi) declared by resolution of the territorial authority to be a working dog for the purposes of this Act, or any dog of a class so declared by the authority, being a dog owned by any class of persons specified in the resolution and kept solely or principally for the purposes specified in the resolution.

## **Sections of the Dog Control Act 1996**

### **34 Dogs registration**

- (2) (a) the full name, date of birth, and address of the owner of the dog;

### **40 Proof of class of dog**

- (1) Where the territorial authority fixes a fee for the registration of a working dog that is lower than that fixed for a dog that is not a working dog, any person claiming to register any dog as a working dog shall, if so required by the territorial authority, make a written statement that the dog is a working dog of a specified class.
- (2) Where the territorial authority fixes a fee for the registration of a neutered dog that is lower than that fixed for a dog that has not been neutered, any person claiming to register a neutered dog shall, if so required by the territorial authority, produce to the territorial authority a certificate issued by a veterinarian and certifying that the dog has been neutered.

### **41 Penalty for false statement relating to applications for registration**

Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who, in making an application for the registration of a dog, makes any written statement knowing that statement to be false.

### **78D Regulations amending Schedule 5**

- (1) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, amend Schedule 5 by-
  - (a) adding or removing the name of an organization that is authorized to certify a dog as being a dog that has been trained (or is being trained) to assist a person with a disability; or
  - (b) amending an item in that schedule referring to a organization.
- (2) Regulations under this section may be made only on the recommendation of the Minister after the Minister has consulted the Minister for Disability Issues.
- (3) Regulations under this section are secondary legislation (see Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).