# Submission form: Proposed amendments to the Accident Insurance (Occupational Hearing Assessment Procedures) Regulations 1999

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) would like your feedback on proposals on updating the Accident Insurance (Occupational Hearing Assessment Procedures) Regulations 1999. Please provide your feedback by **5pm, on 14 September 2022.**

When completing this submission form, please provide comments, evidence, and any data that may aid your submission. Your feedback provides valuable information and informs decisions about the proposals.

We appreciate your time and effort taken to respond to this consultation.

# Instructions

**To make a submission you will need to:**

1. Fill out your name, email address, phone number and organisation.
2. Fill out your responses to the discussion document questions. You can answer any or all of these questions in the [**discussion document**](https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/23430-proposed-amendments-to-the-accident-insurance-occupational-hearing-assessment-procedures-regulations-1999). Where possible, please provide us with evidence to support your views. Examples can include references to independent research or facts and figures.
3. If your submission has any confidential information:
4. Please state this in the email accompanying your submission, and set out clearly which parts you consider should be withheld and the grounds under the Official Information Act 1982 (Official Information Act) that you believe apply. MBIE will take such objections into account and will consult with submitters when responding to requests under the Official Information Act.
5. Indicate this on the front of your submission (e.g. the first page header may state “In Confidence”). Any confidential information should be clearly marked within the text of your submission (preferably as Microsoft Word comments).
6. Note that submissions are subject to the Official Information Act and may, therefore, be released in part or full. The Privacy Act 1993 also applies.
7. Submit your feedback:
8. As a Microsoft Word document by email to**ACregs@mbie.govt.nz** with subject line:*Consultation: Hearing Assessment Regulations*
9. By mailing your submission to:

The Manager, Accident Compensation Policy
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
PO Box 1473

Wellington 6140
New Zealand

# Submitter information

MBIE would appreciate if you would provide some information about yourself. If you choose to provide information in the section below it will be used to help MBIE understand the impact of our proposals on different occupational groups. Any information you provide will be stored securely.

**Your name, email address, phone number and organisation**

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**Proposed amendments to the Accident Insurance (Occupational Hearing Assessment Procedures) Regulations 1999**

**Questions on the proposed objectives**

1. Do you agree with the objectives?

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| Strongly Disagree |
| Disagree |
| Neither |
| Agree |
| Strongly Agree |

If you disagree, which of the objectives listed do you disagree with and why?

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| [insert response here] |

1. Are there other/alternative objectives that should be considered to help shape the discussion?

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| [insert response here] |

**Questions on the proposed options**

1. Do you think the use of ISO standards as the base for the age scale is appropriate?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not Sure

Why/ why not?

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you have any evidence to support an alternative method for calculating the age scale? Please provide specific evidence and data

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| [insert response here] |

1. What is your preferred option?

[ ]  Option 1 (Status Quo) [ ]  Option 2 (proposed update) [ ] Neither [ ] No preference

Please provide the reasons for your view

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| [insert response here] |

**Questions on** **the overall proposal**

1. Are there any other impacts that may come about from updating the age scale that should be considered?

Please provide evidence where possible

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| [insert response here] |

**Questions on additional amendments**

1. Do you think the reference, within the Regulations, to tests conducted by otolaryngologists should be removed from the regulations?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure

Why/ why not? (Please provide specific evidence where possible)

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you think the reference, within the Regulations, to AS ISO 8253.1-2009 should be updated to ISO 8253.1-2010?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure

Why/ why not? (Please provide specific evidence where possible)

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| [insert response here] |