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reorganisation of local authorities
under the Local Government Act 2002**

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Introduction

The procedures for reorganisation of local authorities are set out in the Local Government Act 2002. There are two main procedures for change:

- one for altering boundaries and transferring responsibilities between local authorities (under Part 1-Subpart 3 of Schedule 3 to the Act); and
- another for uniting, constituting, or abolishing districts and regions and creating unitary authorities (under Part 1-Subpart 4 of Schedule 3 to the Act).

A further set of procedures deals with constituting communities (under Schedule 6 to the Act).

This Guide explains the procedures for reorganisation of local authorities in a simpler form than that set out in the legislation. However, for definitive information, users should refer to the Local Government Act 2002.

Auckland

The Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 introduced a new local government structure for Auckland. Boundaries for the new structure, including the external boundaries of Auckland and ward, local board area and subdivision boundaries, were determined by the Local Government Commission in March 2010. The new structure comes in to existence on 1 November 2010.

The Local Government (Auckland Transitional Provisions) Act 2010 places a prohibition on reorganisation proposals affecting Auckland until after the 2013 local elections.

When the prohibition has ceased to apply the reorganisation procedure will deal with the structure and boundaries of Auckland's local board areas as well as the external boundaries of Auckland.

Other aspects of the local board system, such as the number of members comprising local boards, and electoral subdivisions of local board areas, will be dealt with by the representation review process under the Local Electoral Act.