

Interim guideline for remote verification of client identity published by LINZ

COVID-19 has introduced a number of challenges for practitioners who are trying to continue business remotely and one of those challenges is validating documents through remote means.

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) has published an interim guideline to assist practitioners who, due to current circumstances, are unable to interact with clients in person.

The guideline sets out:

- requirements for remote verification of client identity; and
- the legal framework and required standards for the use of electronic signatures.

This document will act as an interim supplement to the Authority and Identity Requirements for E-Dealing Standard (LINZS20018) and Guideline (LINZG20775) while the restrictions related to COVID-19 are in place.

The guideline will continue to have effect until it is revoked and notice of its revocation is published on LINZ's website.

Resources:

LINZ provides interim guideline for remote verification of client identity
<<https://www.lawsociety.org.nz/news-and-communications/latest-news/news/linz-provides-interim-guideline-for-remote-verification-of-client-identity>> 31 March 2020

Authority and Identity Requirements and Electronic Signing of Documents Interim Guideline 2020 - LINZ OP G 01247<<https://www.linz.govt.nz/regulatory/01247>>