

Algorithm Charter for Aotearoa New Zealand — a Voluntary Framework Still Short of Universal Sign-Up

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Launched in 2020 after a 2018 government-wide algorithm review, New Zealand's Algorithm Charter commits agencies to transparency principles, but only around 30 of many eligible agencies had signed by 2024, and a 2021 review found data-heavy holdouts.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-17

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