

The Algorithm Charter for Aotearoa New Zealand — A Voluntary Cross-Government Commitment on Algorithmic Transparency

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

New Zealand's Algorithm Charter, launched in July 2020 by Stats NZ, saw 21 agencies commit to six transparency and fairness principles for algorithm use. An independent review a year later found 27 signatories — over half of government agencies — with near-universal support.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[Stats NZ \(Government Chief Data Officer\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[GovTechReview — New Zealand agencies commit to algorithm charter](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

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