



Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Fees for the new Verification Pathway for New Medicine Applications

Portfolio Associate Health (Hon David Seymour)

On 7 April 2026, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in November 2025, the Medicines Act 1981 was amended to introduce the new, streamlined Verification Pathway for New Medicine Applications;
- 2 **agreed** to introduce into the Medicines Regulations 1984:
 - 2.1 a fee of \$42,601 for the verification phase, to accompany an application to the verification pathway; and
 - 2.2 a fee of \$1,730 for the validation (pre-screening) phase of the verification pathway, to accompany an application to the verification pathway;
- 3 **agreed** that the Regulation 61A waiver and refund provisions in the Medicines Regulations 1984 apply to fees for the verification pathway;
- 4 **invited** the Associate Minister of Health (Hon David Seymour) to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to amend the Medicines Regulations 1984 to enable the fees to be implemented.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk

Officials present from:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet