Aotearoa New Zealand’s history of vaping regulation

2017 — Electronic Cigarette Technical Expert Advisory Group forms, completes its work in 2018

2018 — 12 November
Cabinet agrees to a set of proposals to improve the regulation of vaping and smokeless tobacco products.

2019 — The Vaping Facts website is launched.

2020 — The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act comes into force

2021 — 11 August
Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Regulations 2021 are made and start to come into force.

August
The Vaping Regulatory Authority is established to regulate vaping products and manage applications for Specialist Vape Retailers.

2022 — November
The Protect Your Breath campaign is launched

2023 — 1 January
Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Act comes into force.

January–March
Manatū Hauora consults publicly on a number of proposals to implement the Smoked Tobacco Regulatory Regime.

6 June
The Government announces new policies to make vaping less appealing to youth, significantly reduce the availability of smoked tobacco and make it less addictive

TBC
New regulations start to come into effect, expected from August 2023.

Late 2023
Manatū Hauora to review policy settings for vaping products. The review will consider the availability, appeal and addictiveness of vaping, smokeless tobacco and emerging products.