



Immigration and Protection Tribunal

Rōpū Take Manene, Take Whakamaru

30 September 2026

By Email

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Tena koe,

Immigration and Protection Tribunal (IPT) Practice Note 6

The Tribunal writes to invite your comment on draft Practice Note 6 (The Use of Artificial Intelligence Before the Tribunal), a copy of which is attached.

Practice Note 6 will apply to all parties, representatives and lawyers appearing before the Tribunal. It sets out expectations concerning the use of AI in drafting, editing, summarising, translating and organising documents, identifying issues, preparing submissions and researching information.

Of note, Practice Note 6 provides:

1. There is no general requirement to disclose the use of AI but particular care is required in maintaining confidentiality and privacy of appellants and their family members and witnesses.
2. A party is responsible for all material submitted to the Tribunal, whether or not AI has been used in preparing that material.
3. The existing professional obligations on lawyers and representatives remain key to the presentation of information and submissions prepared with the assistance of AI.
4. AI must not be used to prepare a witness statement, statutory declaration, statement of evidence, personal account or other evidence concerning matters within the knowledge of a witness. A witness must not adopt as their evidence material which has been generated, suggested, edited or revised by an AI tool. The Tribunal can require clarification of how a witness statement was prepared.

5. Where AI-assisted material has resulted in material that is unnecessarily lengthy, repetitive or unfocussed, the Tribunal may require that a shorter or more-focussed material be provided.
6. Where any material contains errors, the Tribunal can make a request for it to be corrected or replaced.
7. Where the Tribunal finds that AI has been used inappropriately in the preparation of a document, submission or other material, it may ask whether AI was used, for the source of information contained in the material, require confirmation that the material has been reviewed for accuracy and ask for the original evidence of source material.
8. Deliberately presenting AI-generated or AI-altered material as genuine evidence may have serious consequences under the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (Lawyers: Conduct and Client Care) Rules 2008 or the Licensed Immigration Advisers Code of Conduct 2014, as relevant.

If you wish to make any comment or submissions in respect of the draft Practice Note, please provide your response to the Tribunal's Service Manager, Minja Pesic, by 5pm on Thursday 15 October 2026.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M Treadwell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judge M Treadwell
Chair
Immigration and Protection Tribunal
New Zealand