

Submission template

Buy Now Pay Later: Draft Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Amendment Regulations 2022

This is the submission template for the consultation paper, *Buy Now Pay Later: Draft Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Amendment Regulations 2022*.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) seeks written submissions on the issues raised in the discussion paper by 5pm on **24 February 2023**. Your feedback will help us advise the Government on the *Buy Now Pay Later: Draft Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Amendment Regulations 2022*.

MBIE intends to upload PDF copies of submissions received to MBIE's website at www.mbie.govt.nz. MBIE will consider you to have consented to uploading your submission in full including your name by making a submission, unless you clearly specify otherwise. Please note that submissions are subject to the Official Information Act 1982.

Submission instructions

Please make your submission as follows:

1. Fill out your name and organisation in the table, "Your name and organisation".
2. Fill out your responses to the consultation document questions in the table, "Responses to discussion paper questions". Your submission may respond to any or all of the questions in the consultation paper. Where possible, please include evidence to support your views, for example references to independent research, facts and figures, or relevant examples.
3. We also encourage your input on any other relevant issues in the "Other comments" section below the table.
4. When preparing to send your submission:
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 - b. Include your e-mail address and telephone number in the e-mail or cover letter accompanying your submission – we may contact submitters directly if we require clarification of any matters in submissions.
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- e. Please clearly indicate this in the cover letter or e-mail accompanying your submission. However, please note that submissions remain subject to request under the Official Information Act 1982.
5. Send your submission:
- as a Microsoft Word document or searchable PDF to consumer@mbie.govt.nz (preferred), or
 - by mailing your submission to:
*Consumer Policy
Building, Resources and Markets
Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140
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Please direct any questions that you have in relation to the submissions process to:
consumer@mbie.govt.nz

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Your name and organisation

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Organisation (if applicable)	The Salvation Army

Responses

1	Do you have any comments on the definition of BNPL? Are there contracts that should be caught, but are not? Are there contracts that shouldn't be caught, but are?
	I am happy with the definition. We must capture them all and any future third party one's as well.
2	Do you have any comment on the proposed threshold of \$600? Should the threshold be higher than \$600? Lower? Why?
	I think there should be no threshold, there needs to be a proper credit check done for all applications for credit. I see to many people who have a lot of debt, and they are taking on more with the BNPL, they are not able to afford the repayments and end up struggling.
3	What do you consider the financial impact of a \$600 threshold would be?
	Huge, we are seeing people struggling to pay their BNPL because they got them without any affordability assessment.
4	Aside from the dollar amount, do you have any comments on how the threshold is drafted in regulations 18I(1) and 18I(2), or the exemption condition requiring comprehensive credit reporting is drafted in regulations 18I(3)(a) and 18I(3)(b)?
	As above, there should be a proper credit check and affordability assessment carried out for ANY Credit application.
5	Should regulations 4AC-4AN apply to BNPL? Why, or why not?
	Yes, they should, how else does a creditor ascertain the affordability of someone applying for credit.
6	What would the impact be of applying regulations 4AC-4AN on BNPL lenders and consumers?
	It will mean a slower process for both but it will protect the consumer and lender at the same

	time.
7	If regulations 4AC–4AN do not apply to BNPL, what guidance (if any) should be given to BNPL lenders through the Responsible Lending Code about compliance with section 9C(3)(a)(ii) of the CCCFA?
	I don't think this should be considered an option!! You must have these regulations in place for all BNPL.
8	Do you have any comments on the drafting of regulations 18I(3)(c)?
	No
9	Are there other CCCFA requirements that should be adjusted or exempted for BNPL? If so, what would the impact be of applying current CCCFA requirements? What would the benefits be of adjusting or exempting from them?
	No comment
10	Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the drafting of the regulations?
	No
11	Do you have any comments on when the regulations should commence? Please provide reasons for your answer.
	Now! the longer you leave it the more harmful damage is caused.

Other comments