Before the Electrical Workers Registration Board

| | CE No. 22631 |
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| In the matter of: | A disciplinary hearing before the Electrical Workers Registration Board |
| Between: | The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment |
| | And |
| | Chyle Keil a registered and licensed electrical worker (E261095, EW 109854, Electrician) (the Respondent) |

Decision of the Board in Respect of the Conduct of an Electrical Worker

Under section 147G and 147M of the Electricity Act 1992

| Hearing Location: | Wellington |
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| Hearing Type: | In Person |
| Hearing and Decision Date: | 17 August 2023 |
| Board Members Present: | |
| Mr R Keys, Registered Inspector (Presiding) Ms J Davel, Lay Member Ms M Kershaw, Registered Electrician Ms A Yan, Registered Electrical Engineer | |
| Appearances: | P Siania for the Investigator |
| | C Kerr for the Respondent |
| Procedure: | |

The matter was considered by the Electrical Workers Registration Board (the Board) under the provisions of Part 11 of the Electricity Act 1992 (the Act), the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010 (the Regulations) and the Board's Disciplinary Hearing Rules.

Board Decision:

The Respondent has committed disciplinary offences under sections 143(a)(i) and 143(f) of the Act.

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Summary of the Board's Decision

[1] The Respondent negligently supervised a trainee who carried out non-compliant prescribed electrical work, and he failed to certify that work. The Board ordered that he undertake a course of instruction in supervision and that he pay costs of \$225. A record of the disciplinary offending will be recorded on the register for a period of three years.

Introduction

- [2] The hearing resulted from a complaint about the conduct of the Respondent and a report under section 147G(1) of the Act from the Investigator that the complaint should be considered by the Board.
- [3] The Respondent was served with a notice setting out the alleged disciplinary offences the Investigator reported should be considered by the Board. They were:

First Alleged Disciplinary Offence

- On or around 6 July 2020 at [OMITTED], Hastings, Mr Chyle Keil has carried out or caused to be carried out prescribed electrical work in a manner contrary to any enactment relating to prescribed electrical work that was in force at the time the work was done being an offence under section 143(a)(ii) of the Act, IN THAT, he failed to:
 - a) Prevent accidental direct or indirect contact with exposed fittings or exposed conductive parts; and/or
 - b) Provide for the automatic interruption of the power supply to the works or installations on the occurrence of a fault; and/or

c) Undertake adequate electrical testing and visual inspection of prescribed low voltage electrical work.

In breach of regulations 13, 20(1), 59(1), and 63 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010.

- Or in the Alternative
- 2. On or around 6 July 2020 at [OMITTED], Hastings, Mr Chyle Keil has carried out or caused to be carried out prescribed electrical work in a negligent or incompetent manner being an offence under section 143(a)(i) of the Act, IN THAT, he failed to:
 - (a) Prevent accidental direct or indirect contact with exposed fittings or exposed conductive parts; and/or
 - (b) Provide for the automatic interruption of the power supply to the works or installations on the occurrence of a fault; and/or
 - (c) Undertake adequate electrical testing and visual inspection of prescribed low voltage electrical work.

Or in the Alternative

- 3. On or around 6 July 2020 at [OMITTED], Hastings, Mr Chyle Keil has negligently created a risk of serious harm to any person, or a risk of significant property damage, through having carried out or caused to be carried out prescribed electrical work being an offence under section 143(b)(ii) of the Act, IN THAT, he failed to:
 - a) Prevent accidental direct or indirect contact with exposed fittings or exposed conductive parts; and/or
 - b) Provide for the automatic interruption of the power supply to the works or installations on the occurrence of a fault; and/or
 - c) Undertake adequate electrical testing and visual inspection of prescribed low voltage electrical work.

Second Alleged Disciplinary Offence

- 4. On or around 3 August 2022 at [OMITTED], Hastings, Mr Chyle Keil has failed to provide a return being an offence under section 143(f) of the Act, IN THAT, he failed to provide a Certificate of Compliance for prescribed electrical work carried out by a person under his supervision.
- [4] Prior to the hearing, the Respondent and the Board were provided with all of the documents the Investigator had in his/her power or possession.
- [5] No Board Members declared any conflicts of interest in relation to the matters under consideration.

Function of Disciplinary Action

[6] The common understanding of the purpose of professional discipline is to uphold the integrity of the profession. The focus is not punishment, but the protection of the public, the maintenance of public confidence and the enforcement of high standards of propriety and professional conduct. Those purposes were recently reiterated by the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in R v Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales¹ and in New Zealand in Dentice v Valuers Registration Board².

[7] Disciplinary action under the Act is not designed to redress issues or disputes between a complainant and a respondent. In *McLanahan and Tan v The New Zealand Registered Architects Board*,³ Collins J. noted that:

"... the disciplinary process does not exist to appease those who are dissatisfied The disciplinary process ... exists to ensure professional standards are maintained in order to protect clients, the profession and the broader community."

[8] The Board can only inquire into "the conduct of an electrical worker" with respect to the grounds for discipline set out in section 143 of the Act. It does not have any jurisdiction over contractual matters.

Procedure

[9] The matter proceeded on the basis of an Agreed Statement of Facts.

Evidence

[10] The Board must be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the disciplinary offences alleged have been committed⁴. The Board notes, as regards evidence in proceedings before it, that the provisions of section 147W of the Act apply. This section states:

> In all proceedings under this Part, the Board may, subject to section 156, receive as evidence any statement, document, information, or matter that may in its opinion assist it to deal effectively with the matter before it, whether or not it would be admissible as evidence in a court of law.

- [11] The Board heard from the Respondent prior to it making a decision.
- [12] As noted, the matter proceeded on the basis of an Agreed Statement of Facts. The Statement stated that the Respondent supervised prescribed electrical work (PEW) on a new dwelling, including installing and connecting two externally mounted generator appliance inlets. The Respondent stated that a senior apprentice carried out the work and that he tested the PEW prior to providing a Certificate of Compliance (CoC).
- [13] After that work was completed, the apprentice returned and carried out further work. The Respondent accepted that he did not return to inspect and test the further work and did not sign it off. He put forward two likely reasons: Covid-19 issues and/or a commercial dispute with the Complainant.
- [14] A complaint was made about the PEW. The Investigator sought an opinion from Mr Mark Carter, an Electrical Inspector. His findings resulted in the charges as set out in the Notice of Proceeding.

¹ R v Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales [2011] UKSC 1, 19 January 2011.

² [1992] 1 NZLR 720 at p 724

³ [2016] HZHC 2276 at para 164

⁴ Z v Dental Complaints Assessment Committee [2009] 1 NZLR 1

- [15] The Respondent accepted that he should have advised the complainant that there were works that had been completed by an apprentice that had not been sighted or signed off by the supervising electrical worker and that he should have suggested that another fully licensed electrical worker inspect the work and issue a COC.
- [16] The general rule is that all facts in issue, or relevant to the issue in a case, must be proved by evidence. As the Investigator and Respondent agreed to the facts as outlined above, it was not necessary to call any further evidence or to test the evidence as outlined in the Statement.

Board's Conclusion and Reasoning

- [17] The Board has decided that the Respondent carried out or caused to be carried out prescribed electrical work in a negligent manner being an offence under section 143(a)(i) of the Act in that he failed to:
 - (a) Prevent accidental direct or indirect contact with exposed fittings or exposed conductive parts;
 - (b) Provide for the automatic interruption of the power supply to the works or installations on the occurrence of a fault; and
 - (c) Undertake adequate electrical testing and visual inspection of prescribed low voltage electrical work.
- [18] The Board has also decided that the Respondent failed to provide a return being an offence under section 143(f) of the Act in that he failed to provide a Certificate of Compliance for prescribed electrical work carried out by a person under his supervision.
- [19] The reasons for the Board's decisions follow.

Negligence

- [20] The charges put before the Board were laid in alternatives. The Board decided that the conduct was serious, and it reached the threshold for negligence, but that it had not created a risk of serious harm or significant property damage.
- [21] Negligence is considered to be the departure by an electrical worker, whilst carrying out or supervising prescribed electrical work, from an accepted standard of conduct. It is judged against those of the same class of licence as the person whose conduct is being inquired into. This is described as the *Bolam⁵* test of negligence which has been adopted by the New Zealand Courts⁶.
- [22] The New Zealand Courts have stated that an assessment of negligence in a disciplinary context is a two-stage test⁷. The first is for the Board to consider whether the practitioner has departed from the acceptable standard of conduct of a professional.

⁵ Bolam v Friern Hospital Management Committee [1957] 1 WLR 582

⁶ Martin v Director of Proceedings [2010] NZAR 333 (HC), *F v Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal* [2005] 3 NZLR 774 (CA)

⁷ Martin v Director of Proceedings [2010] NZAR 333 (HC), *F v Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal* [2005] 3 NZLR 774 (CA)

The second is to consider whether the departure is significant enough to warrant a disciplinary sanction.

- [23] When considering what an acceptable standard is, the Board must have reference to the conduct of other competent and responsible practitioners and the Board's own assessment of what is appropriate conduct, bearing in mind the purpose of the Act,⁸ which includes protecting the health and safety of members of the public in connection with the supply and use of electricity, and promoting the prevention of damage to property in connection with the supply and use of electricity. The test is an objective one and, in this respect, it has been noted that the purpose of discipline is the protection of the public by the maintenance of professional standards and that this could not be met if, in every case, the Board was required to take into account subjective considerations relating to the practitioner⁹.
- [24] The Board also notes, as regards acceptable standards, that all prescribed electrical work must comply with the Electricity (Safety) Regulation 2010 and the cited Standards and Codes of Practice in Schedule 2 of the Regulations. As such, when considering what is and is not an acceptable standard, they must be taken into account.
- [25] In this matter, the issue was not with the Respondent's work but with the supervision of work that was carried out by an apprentice. Supervision is defined in section 2 of the Act as:

Supervision, in relation to any work, means that the work is undertaken under such control and direction of a person authorised under this Act to do the work [or, in the case of section 76, a person authorised to supervise work under that section] as is sufficient to ensure—

- (a) That the work is performed competently; and
- (b) That while the work is being undertaken, appropriate safety measures are adopted; and
- (c) That the completed work complies with the requirements of any regulations made under section 169 of this Act:
- [26] The definition was considered in *Electrical Workers Registration Board v Gallagher*¹⁰.
 Judge Tompkins stated at paragraph 24:

As is made apparent by the definition of "supervision" in the Act, that requires control and direction by the supervisor so as to ensure that the electrical work is performed competently, that appropriate safety measures are adopted, and that when completed the work complies with the requisite regulations. At the very least supervision in that context requires knowledge that work is being conducted, visual and other actual inspection of the work during its completion, assessment of safety measures undertaken by the person doing the work on the site itself, and, after completion of the work, a decision as to compliance of the work with the requisite regulations.

⁸ Martin v Director of Proceedings [2010] NZAR 333 at p.33

⁹ McKenzie v Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal [2004] NZAR 47 at p.71

¹⁰ *Electrical Workers Registration Board v Gallagher* Judge Tompkins, District Court at Te Awamutu, 12 April 2011

- [27] Finally, the Board maintains Supervision Procedures for Trainees¹¹. These provide guidance as to the responsibilities of the supervisor and supervisee.
- [28] Given the requirements of the Act and Regulations and noting the Boards Supervision Procedures, the Board considers the level of supervision required will depend on the circumstances under which the prescribed electrical work is being undertaken and the abilities of the trainee being supervised. A supervisor needs to assess each situation and determine the level of supervision which is appropriate. Ultimately, however, the Board will consider the standard and compliance of the PEW completed under supervision when considering the adequacy of the supervision provided.
- [29] In this instance, further PEW was undertaken, but without adequate supervision. The result was that the installation was left with non-compliant PEW. The Respondent has accepted that he should have supervised and checked the PEW and have provided certification for it. As he did not, the Board finds that his conduct has fallen below that expected of an electrician and that he has been negligent.
- [30] Turning to seriousness in *Collie v Nursing Council of New Zealand*,¹² the Court's noted, as regards the threshold for disciplinary matters, that:

[21] Negligence or malpractice may or may not be sufficient to constitute professional misconduct and the guide must be standards applicable by competent, ethical and responsible practitioners and there must be behaviour which falls seriously short of that which is to be considered acceptable and not mere inadvertent error, oversight or for that matter carelessness.

[31] Counsel for the Respondent submitted that the conduct was more carelessness or inadvertence and that it was not serious enough. The Bord did not accept that submission. Supervision is important. It ensures that an authorised person is checking the quality and compliance of the PEW. The Respondent should have taken greater care to ensure that the person he was supervising was being correctly supervised. As he did not, the Board found that the conduct was serious and that a disciplinary outcome should follow.

Failure to Provide Certification

- [32] The allegation was that the Respondent had failed to provide a return required under an enactment, in this instance a Certificate of Compliance (CoC).
- [33] A CoC must, under regulation 65 of the Safety Regulations, be issued for all general and high risk prescribed electrical work on installations or part installations. Under regulation 65(3) general prescribed electrical work may not be treated as complete until a CoC is issued for it. Under regulation 74E(2) of the Safety Regulations, a CoC must be issued within 20 days of completion.
- [34] A CoC for the further PEW undertaken under the Respondent's supervision was not provided. It follows that he has committed an offence under section 143(f) of the Act.

¹¹ Dated October 2010

¹² [2001] NZAR 74

Penalty, Costs and Publication

- [35] Having found that one or more of the grounds in section 143 applies, the Board must, under section 147M of the Actⁱ, consider the appropriate disciplinary penalty, whether the Respondent should be ordered to pay any costs and whether the decision should be published.
- [36] The Respondent made submissions at the hearing as regards penalty, costs and publication.

<u>Penalty</u>

- [37] The Board has the discretion to impose a range of penalties, which are set out in section 147M of the Act. Exercising that discretion and determining the appropriate penalty requires that the Board balance various factors, including the seriousness of the conduct and any mitigating or aggravating factors present.¹³ It is not a formulaic exercise, but there are established underlying principles that the Board should take into consideration. They include:¹⁴
 - (a) protection of the public and consideration of the purposes of the Act;¹⁵
 - (b) deterring other Licensed Building Practitioners from similar offending;¹⁶
 - (c) setting and enforcing a high standard of conduct for the industry;¹⁷
 - (d) penalising wrongdoing;¹⁸ and
 - (e) rehabilitation (where appropriate). ¹⁹
- [38] Overall, the Board should assess the conduct against the range of penalty options available in section 318 of the Act, reserving the maximum penalty for the worst cases²⁰ and applying the least restrictive penalty available for the particular offending.²¹ In all, the Board should be looking to impose a fair, reasonable, and proportionate penalty²² that is consistent with other penalties imposed by the Board for comparable offending.²³
- [39] In general, when determining the appropriate penalty, the Board adopts a starting point based on the principles outlined above prior to it considering any aggravating and/or mitigating factors present.²⁴

- $^{\rm 17}$ Dentice v Valuers Registration Board [1992] 1 NZLR 720 (HC) at 724
- ¹⁸ Patel v Complaints Assessment Committee HC Auckland CIV-2007-404-1818, 13 August 2007 at p 27

¹³ Ellis v Auckland Standards Committee 5 [2019] NZHC 1384 at [21]; cited with approval in National Standards Committee (No1) of the New Zealand Law Society v Gardiner-Hopkins [2022] NZHC 1709 at [48]

¹⁴ Cited with approval in *Robinson v Complaints Assessment Committee of Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand* [2022] NZCA 350 at [28] and [29]

¹⁵ Section 3 Building Act

¹⁶ Roberts v A Professional Conduct Committee of the Nursing Council of New Zealand [2012] NZHC 3354

¹⁹ Roberts v A Professional Conduct Committee of the Nursing Council of New Zealand [2012] NZHC 3354; Shousha v A Professional Conduct Committee [2022] NZHC 1457

 ²⁰ Roberts v A Professional Conduct Committee of the Nursing Council of New Zealand [2012] NZHC 3354
 ²¹ Patel v Complaints Assessment Committee HC Auckland CIV-2007-404-1818

²² Roberts v A Professional Conduct Committee of the Nursing Council of New Zealand [2012] NZHC 3354

²³ Roberts v A Professional Conduct Committee of the Nursing Council of New Zealand [2012] NZHC 3354

²⁴ In *Lochhead v Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment* 3 November [2016] NZDC 21288 the District Court recommended that the Board adopt the approach set out in the Sentencing Act 2002.

- [40] Counsel for the Respondent submitted that no penalty should be imposed given the overall circumstances of the matter and that, if the submission was not accepted, a low-level fine be ordered or a training order imposed. Counsel referred to other matters of a similar nature that had been before the Board and the penalties imposed in them.
- [41] The Board decided that a training order was appropriate and that it should be aimed at supervision and supervision skills. To that end, the Respondent is ordered to complete, to the Board's satisfaction, an appropriate training course (run by a Board-approved or authorised training provider) in the supervision of trainees at his own cost. The Board's expectation is that the training will be completed within six months of this decision being issued.
- [42] The Respondent should note that, under section 147R of the Act, the Board may take action, including suspending a licence, if a training order is not completed.

<u>Costs</u>

- [43] Under section 147N of the Act, the Board may require the Respondent to pay the Board any sum that it considers just and reasonable towards the costs and expenses of, and incidental to the investigation, prosecution and the hearing.
- [44] The Respondent should note that the High Court has held that 50% of total reasonable costs should be taken as a starting point in disciplinary proceedings and that the percentage can then be adjusted up or down having regard to the particular circumstances of each case²⁵.
- [45] In *Collie v Nursing Council of New Zealand*,²⁶ where the order for costs in the tribunal was 50% of actual costs and expenses, the High Court noted that:

But for an order for costs made against a practitioner, the profession is left to carry the financial burden of the disciplinary proceedings, and as a matter of policy that is not appropriate.

[46] In Kenneth Michael Daniels v Complaints Committee 2 of the Wellington District Law Society,²⁷ the High Court noted:

[46] All cases referred to in Cooray were medical cases and the Judge was careful to note that the 50 per cent was the general approach that the Medical Council took. We do not accept that if there was any such approach, it is necessarily to be taken in proceedings involving other disciplinary bodies. Much will depend upon the time involved, actual expenses incurred, attitude of the practitioner bearing in mind that whilst the cost of a disciplinary action by a professional body must be something of a burden imposed upon its members, those members should not be expected to bear too large a measure where a practitioner is shown to be guilty of serious misconduct.

²⁵ Cooray v The Preliminary Proceedings Committee HC, Wellington, AP23/94, 14 September 1995, Macdonald v Professional Conduct Committee, HC, Auckland, CIV 2009-404-1516, 10 July 2009, Owen v Wynyard HC, Auckland, CIV-2009-404-005245, 25 February 2010.

²⁶ [2001] NZAR 74

²⁷ CIV-2011-485-000227 8 August 2011

[47] Costs orders made in proceedings involving law practitioners are not to be determined by any mathematical approach. In some cases 50 per cent will be too high, in others insufficient.

- [47] The Board has adopted an approach to costs that uses a scale based on 50% of the average costs of different categories of hearings, simple, moderate and complex. The current matter was simple. Adjustments based on the High Court decisions above are then made.
- [48] Based on the above, the Board's costs order is that the Respondent is to pay the sum of \$225 toward the costs of and incidental to the matter. In setting the amount of costs the Board took into account that the Respondent had agreed to the matter proceeding by way of an Agreed Statement of Facts.

Publication

- [49] As a consequence of its decision, the Respondent's name and the disciplinary outcomes will be recorded in the public register as required by the Act²⁸. The Board can, pursuant to section 147Z of the Act, also order publication over and above the public register notation. Under section 147Z the Board may, if no appeal is brought within 20 working days of its decision, direct the Registrar to cause a notice stating the effect of the decision or order, the reasons for the decision or order, and (unless the Board directs otherwise) the name of the person in respect of whom the decision or order was made, to be published in the Gazette and any other publications as may be directed by the Board.
- [50] As a general principle, such further public notification may be required where the Board perceives a need for the public and/or the profession to know of the findings of a disciplinary hearing. This is in addition to the Respondent being named in this decision.
- [51] Within New Zealand, there is a principle of open justice and open reporting which is enshrined in the Bill of Rights Act 1990²⁹. The Criminal Procedure Act 2011 sets out grounds for suppression within the criminal jurisdiction³⁰. Within the disciplinary hearing jurisdiction, the courts have stated that the provisions in the Criminal Procedure Act do not apply but can be instructive³¹. The High Court provided guidance as to the types of factors to be taken into consideration in *N v Professional Conduct Committee of Medical Council*³².
- [52] The courts have also stated that an adverse finding in a disciplinary case usually requires that the name of the practitioner be published in the public interest³³. It is, however, common practice in disciplinary proceedings to protect the names of other persons involved as naming them does not assist the public interest.

²⁸ Refer sections 128 of the Act

²⁹ Section 14 of the Act

 $^{^{\}rm 30}$ Refer sections 200 and 202 of the Criminal Procedure Act

³¹ N v Professional Conduct Committee of Medical Council [2014] NZAR 350

³² ibid

³³ Kewene v Professional Conduct Committee of the Dental Council [2013] NZAR 1055

- [53] Based on the above, the Board will publish a general article in the Electron summarising the matter but will not order further publication. The Respondent will not be identified in the Electron.
- [54] The Respondent should also note that the Board has not made any form of order under section 153(3) of the Act which allows for prohibition of publication.

Penalty, Costs and Publication Orders

- [55] For the reasons set out above, the Board directs that:
 - Penalty: Pursuant to section 147M(2)(b) of the Electricity Act 1992, the Respondent is ordered to attend and pass a course on supervision at his own cost and within six months of this decision being issued.
 - Costs: Pursuant to section 147N of the Act, the Respondent is ordered to pay costs of \$225 (GST included) towards the costs of, and incidental to, the inquiry of the Board.
 - Publication: The Registrar shall record the Board's action in the Register of Electrical Workers in accordance with section 128(1)(c)(viii) of the Act.

The Respondent will be named in this decision.

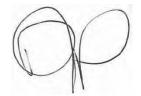
A summary of the matter will be published by way of an article in the Electron, which will focus on the lessons to be learnt from the case. The Respondent will not be named in the publication.

[56] The Respondent should note that the Board may refuse to relicense an electrical worker who has not paid any fine or costs imposed on them.

Right of Appeal

[57] The right to appeal Board decisions is provided for in sections 147ZA and 147ZB of the Actⁱⁱ.

Signed and dated this 4th day of October 2023



R Keys Presiding Member

ⁱ Section 147M of the Act

(1) If the Board, after conducting a hearing, is satisfied that a person to whom this Part applies is guilty of a disciplinary offence, the Board may—

 (a) do 1 or more of the following things:

- *(i)* order that the person's registration or practising licence (or both) be cancelled:
- *(ii)* order that the person's provisional licence be cancelled:
- *(iii)* order that the person may not apply to be reregistered or re-licensed before the expiry of a specified period:
- (b) order that the person's registration or practising licence (or both), or the person's provisional licence, be suspended—
 - (i) for any period that the Board thinks fit; or
 - (ii) until that person does 1 or more of the things specified in subsection (2):
- (c) order that the person's registration or practising licence (or both), or the person's provisional licence, be restricted for any period that the Board thinks fit, in either or both of the following ways:
 - (i) by limiting the person to the work that the Board may specify:
 - (ii) by limiting the person to doing, or assisting in doing, work in certain circumstances (for example, by limiting the person to work only on approved premises or only in the employ of an approved employer):
- (d) order that the person be disqualified from doing or assisting in doing prescribed electrical work that the person would otherwise be authorised to do in that person's capacity as a person to whom this Part applies—
 - *(i) permanently, or for any period that the Board thinks fit; or*
 - (ii) until that person does 1 or more of the things specified in subsection (2):
- (e) order the person to do 1 or more of the things specified in subsection (2) within the period specified in the order:
- (f) order the person to pay a fine not exceeding \$10,000:
- (g) order that the person be censured:
- (h) make no order under this subsection.
- (2) The things that the person can be required to do for the purposes of subsection (1)(b), (d), and (e) are to—
 - (a) pass any specified examination:
 - (b) complete any competence programme or specified period of training:
 - (c) attend any specified course of instruction.
- (3) The Board may take only 1 type of action in subsection (1) in relation to a case, except that it may impose a fine under subsection (1)(f) in addition to taking the action under subsection (1)(b), (c), (e) or (g).
- (4) No fine may be imposed under subsection (1)(f) in relation to an act or omission that constitutes an—
 - (a) offence for which the person has been convicted by a court; or
 - (b) infringement offence for which the person has been issued with an infringement notice and has paid an infringement fee.
- (5) The Board must not exercise any authority conferred by this section in respect of any offence committed by any person before the date of that person's registration or, as the case may be, the date on which that person's provisional licence was issued if at that date the Board was aware of that person's conviction for that offence.
- (6) If a person is registered under Part 10 in respect of more than 1 class of registration, the Board may exercise its powers under subsection (1)(a) to (e) in respect of each of those classes or 1 or more of those classes as the Board thinks fit.]

" Section 147ZA Appeals

- (1) A person who is dissatisfied with the whole or any part of any of the following decisions, directions, or orders may appeal to the District Court against the decision, direction, or order:
 - (e) any decision, direction, or order under any of sections 108, 109, 120, 133, 137, and 153 or Part 11 (except section 147C).

Section 147ZB Time for lodging appeal

An appeal under section 147ZA must be brought within—

- (a) 20 working days after notice of the decision, direction, or order was given to, or served on, the appellant; or
- (b) any further time that the District Court may allow on application made before or after the expiration of that period.