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# **NZ ICT Security Series Introduction**

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**Introduction** As the New Zealand National Authority for Information Assurance, the Director GCSB publishes the New Zealand Security of Information Technology (NZSIT) series of policy, standards and guidance documents for use by New Zealand Government departments and agencies.

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**Purpose of NZSIT1** This document, NZSIT1, explains the revised NZSIT system and assigns responsibility for its management.

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**Purpose of NZSIT Series** The NZSIT series assists New Zealand Government departments and agencies to secure their deployment and use of Information Communication Technology (ICT).

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**Changes** Any element of the New Zealand Government ICT community may suggest changes to existing or draft NZSITs, or propose topics for new NZSITs.

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- the approval of all NZSIT issues and amendments;
- the determination of style, presentation, numbering and format;
- arranging periodic reviews of existing NZSITs;
- resolving, or assisting with the resolution of, conflicts on NZSIT matters;
- the control of NZSIT distribution, and the maintenance of distribution records for classified NZSITs;
- the issue or approval of NZSIT management and maintenance correspondence (messages, letters, memoranda, etc) to NZSIT recipients; and
- the electronic publication of NZSITs where appropriate.

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### Series Overview

NZSIT documents are arranged in series groups, each group having a distinct numbering sequence and purpose. No particular significance attaches to the allocation of numbers within each of the respective groups, which are:

- **NZSIT1 Series - Administration**  
NZSIT1 - Series Introduction.
- **NZSIT100 Series - NZ Government Security of Information Technology Volume 1**  
All documents in this series were withdrawn in October 2005, and the contents are now incorporated into NZSIT400 series documents.
- **NZSIT200 Series - NZ Government Security of Information Technology Volume 2**  
All documents in this series were withdrawn in October 2005, and the contents are now incorporated into NZSIT400 series documents.
- **NZSIT300 Series - Computer Inspection Procedures**  
All documents in this series were withdrawn in October 2005, and the contents are now incorporated into NZSIT400 series documents.
- **NZSIT400 Series - Policy**  
Policy for the application of ICT security in New Zealand Government.
- **NZSIT500 Series - Interim Guidance on Policy and Standards**  
Interim guidance on policy and standards in the use of ICT devices and services in New Zealand Government. Interim policy statements are produced as required to meet the need for a policy in a rapidly changing technology environment. When an interim policy is incorporated into either policy (NZSIT400 series), or permanent guidance (NZSIT600 series), it is withdrawn from the NZSIT500 series.
- **NZSIT600 Series - Guidance**  
Permanent standards-based guidance to assist with meeting the requirements of the NZSIT400 series policy statements.

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### Series Conventions

With the exception of NZSIT1, the first document in each series (designated NZSIT x00) is an introductory guide to that series and provides details on conventions used and the purpose of the series.

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