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ing a state of emergency is a critical part of New Zealand's response arrangements. It is the
tion of a state of emergency that provides Controllers and others with extra-ordinary powers
ed to deliver an effective and swift response.

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'Emergency Declarations and Powers'.

Region	Hazard Type	Locality	Start Date	End Date	Declared Days	Comment
Waikato	Flooding	Putaruru & Tirau Wards	21/06/2002	23/06/2002	2	"Weather Bomb", water supply issues, road closures, no evacuations
Waikato	Flooding	District	21/06/2002	23/06/2002	2	Up-scaled to District SOE, 1 death, evacuations required
Wellington	Flooding	District	4/10/2003	9/10/2003	5	Damage to Paekakariki, evacuations required, duration of SOE due to clean-up
Marlborough	Flooding	Picton Ward	17/02/2004	18/02/2004	1	Evacuations due to fear of landslip-induced dam break
Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	District	16/02/2004	17/02/2004	1	Up-scaled to Regional SOE
Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Marion Ward	16/02/2004	17/02/2004	1	Up-scaled to Regional SOE

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2004	Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Region	17/02/2004	25/02/2004	8	"Weather Bomb", infrastructure disruptions, evacuations required
2004	Taranaki	Flooding	Patea Ward	17/02/2004	27/02/2004	10	Water supply issues, road closures, evacuations required
2004	Bay of Plenty	Flooding	Waiotahi Ward	17/07/2004	23/07/2004	6	Road closures, 1 death, evacuations required
2004	Bay of Plenty	Flooding	Whakatane Ward	17/07/2004	30/07/2004	13	Infrastructure disruptions, 1 death, evacuations required
2005	Bay of Plenty	Landslides	Edgecumbe-Tarawera Ward	17/05/2005	30/05/2005	13	Matata township damage due to debris flows
2005	Bay of Plenty	Landslides	Tauranga	18/05/2005	19/05/2005	1	Evacuations required, formally declared (?)
2006	Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Region	7/07/2006	8/07/2006	1	SOE declared overnight to enforce evacuations
2007	Taranaki	Tornado	Region	5/07/2007	7/07/2007	2	Dwelling and property damage
2007	Northland	Flooding	District	10/07/2007	13/07/2007	3	Far North District area, dwelling damage
2007	Otago	Flooding	Milton Ward	30/07/2007	31/07/2007	1	Localised township flooding, but SOE declared
2007	Gisborne	Earthquake	Gisborne City	21/12/2007	22/12/2007	1	Building damage and power supply issues
2008	Marlborough	Flooding	Picton Ward	30/07/2008	31/07/2008	1	SOE declared to assist Police with evacuations

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2009	Waikato	Landslides	Taupo Ward	29/06/2009	30/06/2009	1	Village of Waihi evacuated
2010	Canterbury	Earthquake	Region	4/09/2010	15/09/2010	11	Dwelling and property damage, infrastructure damage
2011	Canterbury	Earthquake	Christchurch City Council	22/02/2011	23/02/2011	1	181 deaths, major infrastructure and dwelling and property damage. Terminated when national state of emergency declared.
2011	Canterbury	Earthquake	National	23/02/2011	30/04/2011	66	181 deaths, major infrastructure and dwelling and property damage
2011	Hawkes Bay	Flooding	District	28/04/2011	3/05/2011	5	Central Hawke's Bay District area
2011	Nelson-Tasman	Flooding	District	13/12/2011	28/12/2011	15	Dwelling damage, infrastructure damage, evacuations required
2011	Canterbury	Earthquake	Region	23/12/2011	24/12/2011	1	NCMC activated, but stood down shortly thereafter
2012	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	Mt Tongariro unrest; no SOE's declared
2013	Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Whanganui Ward	14/10/2013	15/10/2013	1	Whanganui river threat
2014	Nil	-	-	-	-	-	Auckland power outage; no SOE's declared
2015	Chatham Islands	Cyclone	Chatham Islands	16/03/2015	19/03/2015	3	Cyclone Pam and rural fires
2015	Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Rangitikei District	20/06/2015	22/06/2015	2	Dwelling damage, road closures

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2015	Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Whanganui District	20/06/2015	02/07/2015	12	Largest ever recorded flood in the Wanganui District; Dwelling damage, infrastructure damage, evacuations required
2015	Taranaki	Flooding	South Taranaki District	20/06/2015	27/06/2015	7	Flooding in Waitotara township in South Taranaki; evacuations required
2016	West Coast	Flooding	Westland District	24/03/2016	25/03/2016	1	Waiho River flooding at Franz Josef township; water supply issues, tourism impacts (i.e. loss of revenue)
2016	Canterbury	Earthquake	Region	15/11/2016	06/12/2016	22	Kaikoura Earthquake
2016	Kaikoura	Earthquake	District	14/11/2016	15/11/2016	1	Kaikoura Earthquake
2016	Hurunui	Earthquake	District	14/11/2016	15/11/2016	1	Kaikoura Earthquake
2016	Kaikoura	Earthquake	District	06/12/2016	09/12/2016	4	Kaikoura Earthquake
2016	Dunedin	Earthquake	Dunedin City	14/11/2016	14/11/2016	1	Kaikoura Earthquake
2017	Hawke's Bay	Fire	Hastings District	13/02/2017	15/02/2017	3	Hawke's Bay fires
2017	Canterbury	Fire	Christchurch & Selwyn	15/02/2017	01/03/2017	15	Christchurch Port Hills fires
2017	Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Whanganui District	04/04/2017	06/04/2017	3	Declared in advance of expected impacts from Ex Tropical Cyclone Debbie
2017	Manawatu-Wanganui	Flooding	Rangitikei District	04/04/2017	06/04/2017	3	Declared in advance of expected impacts from Ex Tropical Cyclone Debbie

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2017	Bay of Plenty	Flooding	Whakatane District	06/04/2017	11/04/2017	6	Edgecumbe flooding. State of local emergency overridden by Bay of Plenty declaration on 11 April 2017.
2017	Bay of Plenty	Flooding	Bay of Plenty	11/04/2017	14/04/2017	4	Bay of Plenty CDEM Group declared a state of local emergency covering the whole Bay of Plenty area in anticipation of heavy rainfall. As per the CDEM Act, this state of local emergency overrides the previous, more limited state of emergency over Whakatane District.
2017	Thames-Coromandel	Severe weather	Thames Coromandel District	12/04/2017	14/04/2017	3	Declared in advance of expected landfall of Cyclone Cook
2017	Whakatane	Severe Weather	Whakatane District	14/04/2017	21/04/2017	7	Local state of emergency declared for the Whakatane District to enable the continued response to Edgecumbe and the surrounding areas.
2017	Otago	Flooding	Dunedin City	21/07/2017	21/07/2017	1	State of local emergency overridden by Group declaration on 21 July 2017.
2017	Otago	Flooding	Clutha District	21/07/2017	21/07/2017	1	State of local emergency overridden by Group declaration on 21 July 2017.
2017	Otago	Flooding	Waitaki District	21/07/2017	21/07/2017	1	State of local emergency overridden by Group declaration on 21 July 2017.

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2017	Otago	Flooding	Waitaki, Clutha and Dunedin City	21/07/2017	24/07/2017	4	Otago CDEM Group declaration for Waitaki, Clutha and Dunedin City. Declaration terminated on 24 July 2017 when local transition period came into force.
2017	Canterbury	Flooding	Timaru District	21/07/2017	22/07/2017	2	Flooding across district.
2017	Canterbury	Flooding	Selwyn District	21/07/2017	24/07/2017	4	Declaration owing to rising flood waters and the need to evacuate in Springs Ward.
2017	Canterbury	Flooding	Christchurch City	22/07/2017	25/07/2017	4	Declaration terminated on 25 July 2017 when local transition period came into force.
2018	Otago	Severe weather	Dunedin City	01/02/2018	02/02/2018	2	Declared in advance of expected landfall of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Fehi.
2018	West Coast	Severe weather	Buller District	01/02/2018	03/02/2018	3	Declared in advance of expected landfall of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Fehi.
2018	Canterbury	Severe weather	Christchurch City	20/02/2018	21/02/2018	2	Declared in advance of Cyclone Gita.
2018	West Coast	Severe weather	Buller District	20/02/2018	21/02/2018	2	Declaration owing to risk to life and households from Cyclone Gita
2018	West Coast	Severe weather	Grey District	20/02/2018	21/02/2018	2	Declaration owing to Cyclone Gita
2018	Canterbury	Severe weather	Selwyn District	20/02/2018	21/02/2018	2	Declaration owing to Cyclone Gita

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2018	Nelson-Tasman	Severe weather	Region	20/02/2018	23/02/2018	4	Declaration owing to Cyclone Gita
2018	West Coast	Severe weather	Westland District	20/02/2018	21/02/2018	2	Declaration owing to Cyclone Gita
2018	Taranaki	Severe weather	Region	20/02/2018	21/02/2018	2	Declaration owing to Cyclone Gita. Group state of emergency terminated on 21/02/2018 and replaced by local state of emergency for New Plymouth
2018	Taranaki	Severe weather	New Plymouth District	21/02/2018	25/02/2018	5	Declaration owing to Cyclone Gita
2018	Bay of Plenty	Severe weather	Ngongotaha, Rotorua District	29/04/2018	06/05/2018	7	Declaration owing to extreme flooding event
2019	Nelson-Tasman	Fire	Region	06/02/2019	27/02/2019	21	Declaration owing to the effects of the Pigeon Valley Fire
2019	West Coast	Severe Weather	Westland District	26/03/2019	29/03/2019	4	Declaration owing to severe weather event
2019	Canterbury	Flooding	Timaru District	07/12/2019	13/12/2019	6	Declaration owing to flooding in the Rangitata area
2020	Southland	Flooding	Fiordland Community Board Area	03/02/2020	04/02/2020	1	Declaration owing to flooding in Fiordland. Replaced by region-wide declaration on 4 February.

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2020	Southland	Flooding	Region	04/02/2020	18/02/2020	14	Declaration owing to extensive flooding in Southland region, including Gore. Declaration extended on 10 February for a further seven days. State of emergency ended on 18 February and replaced by a transition notice.
2020	Otago	Flooding	Clutha District	04/02/2020	07/02/2020	3	Declaration owing to widespread flooding in Clutha District
2020	National	Pandemic	National	25/03/2020	13/05/2020	49	A nationwide state of national emergency was declared on 25 March 2020 at 12:21pm due to COVID-19 and was extended six times. The state of national emergency ended on 13 May 2020 at 12:21pm and was replaced by a National Transition Period. The state of national emergency covered all of New Zealand including the Chatham Islands, Stewart Island, and other offshore islands.

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