

## Raising The Legal Driving Age

*"Currently there is a bill before Parliament which would raise the driving age from 15 to 16. Do you think the age at which people are eligible to get their drivers' license should be raised from 15 to 16?"*

	6-11 OCT 2007
Yes	82%
No	17%
Don't know	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101%*</b>

Base: N=999 New Zealanders 6-11 October 2007 \*Total does not sum to 100% due to rounding

- The vast majority of New Zealanders believe the legal driving age should be raised from 15 to 16 years old
- Older New Zealanders – aged 55 or more (91%) are more likely to believe the driving age should be raised, while younger New Zealanders – aged 18-34 (23%) are more likely to believe the legal driving age should remain as it is.

## Zero Alcohol Tolerance For Newly Licensed Drivers

*"The government is also considering introducing a zero alcohol level for new drivers, such as those with a Learners or Restricted Licence, regardless of how old they are. Which one of the following statements best reflects your opinion?"*

	6-11 OCT 2007
The law should change so that new drivers are not allowed to have any alcohol in their blood whilst driving	50%
New drivers should have the same alcohol limits for driving as everyone else	8%
There should be a zero alcohol tolerance for all drivers	41%
Don't know	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Base: N=999 New Zealanders 6-11 October 2007

- New Zealanders are very strong in their views towards alcohol limits for drivers
- Over four in ten (41%) believe a zero alcohol tolerance level should be applied for all drivers
- While nine in ten (91%) believe new drivers, regardless of how old they are, should not be allowed to have any alcohol in their blood whilst driving
- Less than one in ten (8%) believe alcohol limits for driving should be the same for everyone
- Females are more likely than males to believe the alcohol tolerance levels should be zero for both new drivers and the wider population
  - Zero tolerance levels for all drivers - females (47%), males (34%)
  - Zero tolerance levels for new drivers – females (94%), males (87%)