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Advisory from the Honourable Justice Venning, Chief Judge of the High Court, and Judge Jan-Marie Doogue, Chief District Court Judge.

2018 Court of Trial Protocol

The Chief Judges of the High and District Courts of New Zealand have a statutory obligation to establish a Court of Trial Protocol.¹

The Protocol lists the classes of offence for which a High Court decision is required as to the court in which the defendant will be tried.

The latest revision of the Court of Trial Protocol has been gazetted and will come into force on 12 March 2018.

The 2018 Protocol adds two Crimes Act 1961 offences to class 1 of the Protocol:

- s 105A - Corrupt use of official information and
- s 105B - Use or disclosure of personal information disclosed in breach of s 105A.

The 2018 Court of Trial Protocol can be found at <http://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/legislation>

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¹ [S 66 Criminal Procedure Act 2011](#)