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**National and international standardization of
geographical names: Names collection, office treatment,
national authorities, features beyond a single sovereignty
and international cooperation****New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o
Aotearoa** implementation of three new place-
naming standards****Summary*****

Standards provide the criteria for standardized, best practice geographical naming. The New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa will report on its implementation in 2020 of three new place-naming standards, namely, the Standard for New Zealand place names, the standard for Antarctic place names and the standard for altering region and district names. In May 2020, version 3 of the Board's standard for Crown-protected area names also came into effect. The Board's standard for undersea feature names, which was published in 2016, has proved to be effective tool in the Board's decision-making.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

** "Memorial markers of the landscape".

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