

Te Rito Maioha - Membership Terms and Conditions



BECOMING A MEMBER

Applications for membership (other than Life Membership) will be made by completing the online application form or by contacting members@ecnz.ac.nz. Membership will be granted to applicants meeting the criteria specified below on submission of the completed application form and payment of the annual subscription. The following may apply to become members:

- A Service Membership may be held by one or more ECE Services currently operating under a common ownership, governance or management structure:
- Individual persons excluding those who are employees of Te Rito Maioha may hold Individual Membership.
- Students enrolled in Te Rito Maioha's Early Childhood Education teacher education programmes, excluding Teacher Education Refresh (TER), may hold complimentary Student Membership for the period of their enrolment.
- Individual persons who have graduated from an Early Childhood Education teacher education programme with Te Rito Maioha may hold Alumni membership which entitles them to the same benefits as Individual Membership.
- Institutions, organisations, and other associations may hold Professional Membership.

Membership obligations and rights

- All Members will promote the interests and purposes of the Te Rito Maioha and do nothing to bring Te Rito Maioha into disrepute.
- A Member is only entitled to exercise the rights of membership, including attending and voting at General Meetings, if all fees have been paid by their respective due dates.
- The Council may decide what access or use Members may have of or to any premises, facilities, equipment or other property owned, occupied or otherwise used, and to participate in activities of Te Rito Maioha, including any conditions of and fees for such access, use or involvement.
- No member has any right, title, or interest (legal or equitable), at any time, in the property of the Te Rito Maioha.
- No Member is liable for an obligation of Te Rito Maioha by reason only of being a Member.

Membership fees

- The membership fees to be paid by each Member shall be set by the Council. The Council may prescribe varying amounts of membership fees according to classification of members for membership purposes, or other bases which may be decided upon.
- Membership fee for the current year is due on admission to membership and annually thereafter. The membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December. If membership commences during the year the membership fee will be pro-rated.
- Life members will not pay a membership fee, but any life member who is also a service member shall remain liable for the subscription of such membership.

Cessation of Membership

- Any Member may resign their membership at any time by giving notice in writing to members@ecnz.ac.nz to that effect and such notice, unless otherwise stated, shall take effect immediately.
- A Member who fails to make payment of membership fees within two (2) months after it has become due will be deemed to have resigned their membership.
- A Member ceases to be a Member on death, or in the case of a body corporate on dissolution. The cessation of their membership is effective from the date of death or dissolution.
- A Member who no longer operates the ECE Service or group of services in respect of which it was approved for membership ceases to be a member. A temporary suspension in the operation of the childcare service or ECE Service or group of services for a period of less than six (6) months shall not disqualify a member from membership.
- Subject to the Constitution of Te Rito Maioha, the Council may decide by a majority resolution to terminate a Member's membership if the Member has:
 - breached the Constitution; or
 - been accused or convicted of a criminal offence which, in the opinion of the Council, makes their membership undesirable; or

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- committed a serious misconduct or offence which is detrimental to Te Rito Maioha and its Members and the nature of the misconduct or offence makes their membership undesirable.

Membership Rules

The Constitution of Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand Incorporated can be found on our website [here](#).