



National Student Representative (NSR) Role Description

The National Student Representative is a student/taura leadership role that represents the collective voice of NZNO student members within their school of nursing. The role focuses on student/taura engagement, recruitment, communication, and advocacy, while promoting the kaupapa, values, and strategic direction of NZNO and Te Rūnanga o Aotearoa.

National Student Representatives work collaboratively with other student leaders, NZNO Organisers and Professional Nursing Advisors (PNAs) to connect students/taura with NZNO services, foster inclusive participation in union activities, and contribute to strong, Tiriti-informed student representation at local, regional, and national levels.

Key Responsibilities

Student engagement and recruitment

- Undertake recruitment and engagement activities within your own school of nursing.
- Develop opportunities for students/taura to be active, informed, and engaged NZNO members.
- Promote NZNO services and advocacy pathways available to students and new graduates.

Advocacy and Organisational Alignment

- Uphold the values, standards, and objectives of NZNO and the National Student Unit (NSU).
- Promote and support the strategic direction of NZNO
- Advocate on student /taura issues as required, directing members to appropriate NZNO service
- Work with local student/taura members on school-based issues and with the NSU on national issues.

Communication and collaboration

- Maintain regular contact with the NZNO Organiser and Professional Nursing Advisor (PNA) allocated to your school.
- Work collaboratively with Te Rūnanga Taura Representatives, ensuring mutual support and coordination across schools and campuses.
- Support local delegates and student members and actively share information and gather feedback as required.
- Build and maintain effective relationships with Heads of School to strengthen communication and student advocacy.

Coordination and governance

- Plan and coordinate Local Student Unit meetings within your campus or School of Nursing, as approved through the Joint Hui processes.
- Support and facilitate elections for student representative positions on:
 - Local Organising Groups
 - Ngā Hapū
 - NSU committee



Meetings and Reporting

- Attend required NSU meetings as a committee member, including:
 - January – NSU meeting and Representative Education
 - July – Heads of School Hui
 - September – NSU and NZNO AGM/Conference
- Participate in NSU Teams meetings on a bi-monthly basis.
- Attend Local Organising Group meetings as student/tauirā a representative (as agreed with other student reps in the region).
- Attend additional meetings as delegated and agreed.
- Submit two written reports per year, outlining key activities, emerging issues, challenges, and achievements relevant to your school.

Attendance at meetings is a core responsibility of the role and is essential for effective collaboration, issue identification, and influencing change. NZNO meets all reasonable costs associated with meeting attendance in line with the NZNO travel policy. Representatives are expected to prioritise confirming availability and travel requirements in a timely manner.