



Te Rūnanga Taura (TRT) Role Description

The Te Rūnanga Taura Representative is a taura leadership role that represents the collective voice of NZNO student members within their school of nursing.

This role focuses on taura engagement, recruitment, communication, and advocacy, while actively promoting the kaupapa, values, and strategic direction of NZNO and Te Rūnanga o Aotearoa.

In this role, you will work collaboratively with fellow taura leaders, NZNO Organisers and Professional Nursing Advisors (PNAs), encouraged to participate in union activities, and supported through strong, Tiriti-informed representation at local, regional, and national levels.

Key Responsibilities

Student engagement and recruitment

- Lead taura engagement and recruitment activities within your School of Nursing.
- Create opportunities for taura to be active, informed, and engaged NZNO members.
- Promote NZNO services and advocacy pathways available to taura and new graduates.

Advocacy and Organisational Alignment

- Uphold the values, standards, and objectives of NZNO and the National Student Unit (NSU) while supporting the organisations strategic direction.
- Advocate by raising taura issues, connecting members with appropriate NZNO support
- Contribute to both local and national discussions impacting taura

Communication and collaboration

- Maintain regular contact with the NZNO Organiser and Professional Nursing Advisor (PNA) allocated to your school.
- Work alongside other Te Rūnanga Taura Representatives and National Student Representatives, ensuring mutual support and coordination across schools and campuses.
- Support local delegates and taura members by sharing information and gathering feedback.
- Build positive 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 taura 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 tauirā representatives in the region).
- Attend the Te Rūnanga hui and AGM
- Attend additional meetings as delegated and agreed.
- Submit two written reports per year, outlining key activities, emerging issues, challenges, and achievements relevant to your kura, in collaboration with the National Student Representative.

Attendance at meetings is a core expectation of the role as it ensures effective collaboration, supports issue identification, and enables meaningful contribution to change. NZNO will meet all reasonable costs associated with meeting attendance in accordance with the NZNO travel policy. Representatives are expected to confirm their availability and travel requirements in a timely manner.