



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMITS

Rule Remit One

That the Pacific Nurses Section Rules (d) is amended to allow Retired Nurse Members to hold office, propose nominations or motions and have voting rights as per full members.

Old Rule

3. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- (a) **Full Member (no change proposed).**
 - (i) A financial member of NZNO identifying as Pacific
 - (ii) Full members will pay any levy to the Pacific Nursing Section set by the Annual General Meeting.

- d) **Retired Nurse Member**
 - (i) The National Committee may allow, on individual application, retired nurse membership to a Section member who has retired permanently from nursing and any other employment position.
 - (ii) The retired members will pay any levy to the Pacific Nursing Section set by the Annual General Meeting.
 - (iii) Retired members may not hold office, propose nominations or motions or have voting rights.
 - (iv) The name and address of retired members shall appear in the register of members.

New Rule

3. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- d) **Retired Nurse Member**
 - (i) A financial member of NZNO identifying as Pacific who is no longer in employed nursing practice.
 - (ii) A Retired Nurse Member meets all the requirements as a Full Member

Rationale

The national committee recognises retired members as living treasures not only because of their employment services to the wider public having come to an end, but equally because of their continuing commitment to serving Pacific interests through their valuable voices. They are able to contribute their unique experiences, expertise, and cultural knowledge towards dialogue on matters of national interest such as workforce, cultural competence, and public policy. Maintaining a stance of inclusion of retired members ensures that the PNS is well connected and can confidently tap into reliable quality guidance and advice.

Rule Remit Two

That the Pacific Nurses Section NZNO Rules **3. Membership** be amended to include “Associate Member”.

Old Rule

3.(a) Full member

(c) Honorary Member

(d) Retired Nurse Member

The current rules are missing (b) the associate member category.

New Rule

3.(b) **Associate Member**

- i. Qualified nurses and health care assistants interested in Pacific nursing, but do not identify as Pacific.
- ii. Qualified nurses and health care assistants must be financial members of NZNO.
- iii. Allied health professionals interested in Pacific nursing care.
- iv. Allied health professionals are not required to be a financial member of NZNO **but** may belong to Health Professionals NZ.
- v. Members of consumer groups interested in Pacific nursing care who are not eligible for NZNO membership.
- vi. Associate members will pay any levy to the Pacific Nurses Section set by the Annual General Meeting.
- vii. Associate members may not hold office, propose nominations or motions or have voting rights.

Rationale

The Pacific Nurses Section Rules currently show a membership category numbering shows 3a, c and d. The rules as far back as 2007 show section (b) to be missing. The NZNO Template Rules in 2013 are provided above to enable members who have an interest in the Section but not meeting the requirements of the Section. This enables them to be a member and receive the knowledge, information and participation but not able to hold office or vote. The Pacific Nurses Section in 2024 has identified 52 members, in its current membership who would meet this category of membership.

The inclusion of associate membership, particularly to those working with Pacific peoples and services, increases our membership potential and most importantly increases our sphere of influence.
