



## IRMTNZ Membership Categories

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There are two classes of Membership of the Institute being Registered Members and Unregistered Members. Within each class of Membership there are various categories of Membership as defined below.

All Registered and Unregistered members must comply with the IRMTNZ Rules and the IRMTNZ Code of Ethics.

### REGISTERED MEMBER CATEGORIES

#### Category

#### Definition

#### **Life Member**

On the recommendation of the Council, any Registered member may be elected a Life Member at any general meeting of the Institute and shall thereafter be entitled to all the privileges of being a Registered Member without payment of annual fees or any special payment for the status of Life Member. No member shall be elected a Life Member unless the resolution for her/his election is carried by a majority of three-fourths of those present at the general meeting when the same is proposed. There shall not be more than five life members of the Institute at any one time.

#### **Fellow FIRMTNZ**

The Council may, upon the nomination of a Branch, classify as a Fellow of the Institute any Registered Member who by reason of her/his services to music teaching is considered to be worthy of this status. Fellows may use the designation FIRMTNZ.

#### **Distinguished Branch Member AIRMTNZ-DBM**

The Council, may, upon the nomination of a Branch, classify as a Distinguished Branch Member any Associate whose distinguished service to his or her branch and the local community makes such Associate, in the opinion of the Council, to be worthy of this classification. Distinguished Branch Members may use the designation AIRMTNZ-DBM.



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#### **Leading Associate LAIRMTNZ**

Application can be made to the Registration Board by Associate Members who have obtained at least 500 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points over a three-year period or less. The status of Leading Associate Member is awarded for a period of three years. In order to retain LAIRMTNZ status for a further three years, you must show you have acquired the necessary CPD points as per the CPD document. Leading Associate Members are expected to play a leadership role in the branch and/or national activities of the Institute, have full voting rights, pay the appropriate annual subscription, and are encouraged also to join their local branch. Leading Associate Members may use the designation LAIRMTNZ.

#### **Associate AIRMTNZ**

An Associate Member is a full, registered member of the IRMTNZ, and this status can be granted by the Registration Board to a person who can show they are:

- a musical performer at the level of, for example. ATCL, DipABRSM, AMusNZ, or 200-level performance (NZQA level 6) at a University, or is able to show evidence of an equivalent level of performance, AND
- is able to teach from beginners to higher grades, or has completed the IRMTNZ Foundation Course, or has another qualification at the same level, AND
- is teaching 6 or more pupils.

Associate Members have full voting rights, pay the appropriate registration fee and annual subscription, and are encouraged also to join their local branch. Associate Members may use the designation AIRMTNZ.

#### **Retired Member**

The Council may, upon application by the Registered Member, classify the Registered Member as a Retired Member if s/he has reached the age of sixty-five years or such lesser age in particular instances as the Council may in its sole and absolute discretion decide, and who is teaching 6 or fewer pupils, and who the Council believes has effectively retired from the profession of music teaching. Any such Retired Member shall be required to pay such proportion of the annual registration fee as the Council may determine from time to time.



## UNREGISTERED MEMBER CATEGORIES

| Category                      | Definition  |
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| <b>Honorary Fellow</b>        | The Council may invite any person teaching advanced musical performance at a tertiary institution in New Zealand to become an Honorary Fellow of the Institute. Honorary Fellows are expected to fulfil the terms of their Honorary Fellowship by being available to contribute to Continuous Professional Development activities for music teachers through the auspices of IRMTNZ. Honorary Fellows may use the words Honorary Fellow (IRMTNZ).   |
| <b>Honorary Member</b>        | The Council may, upon nomination of a Branch or a Registered Member, elect to the status of Honorary Member any person whose interest in and support of the Institute is considered to merit this election. Honorary members may use the words Honorary Member (IRMTNZ).  |
| <b>Provisional Member</b>     | A Provisional Member is a person seeking to become a qualified private music teacher who can show s/he is a musical performer at the level of Advanced Certificate (Trinity) or 100-level performance music at a University (NZQA Level 5). No qualification or experience in music teaching is required, but applicants must satisfactorily complete a Police Check. Provisional Members are given a mentor to guide them through a two-year process that will lead to their meeting the requirements of Associate Membership. Provisional Members have no voting rights and pay a discounted subscription. They can attend IRMTNZ Continuous Professional Development events at a reduced fee. Provisional members may use the words Provisional Member (IRMTNZ). |
| <b>Affiliate Individual</b>   | The Council may invite natural persons (i.e., not organisations) to apply for the status of Affiliate who are not music teachers but who have an interest in supporting the aims and objectives of the Institute. Affiliate members may use the words Affiliate Member (IRMTNZ).  |
| <b>Affiliate Organisation</b> | The Council may invite organisations in the music industry or involved with music education who have an interest in supporting the aims and objectives of the Institute to apply for the status of Affiliate Organisation. Affiliate Organisation members may use the words Affiliate Organisation (IRMTNZ).  |