



IRMTNZ Membership Categories

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There are two classes of membership of the Institute, these 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 MEMBERS

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. ***This is currently under review and will be updated after the 2024 AGM.***

Fellow IRMTNZ

The Council may, upon the nomination of a Branch, classify as a Fellow of the Institute any Registered Member whose service 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 their branch and the local community, in the opinion of the Council, is worthy of this classification. Distinguished Branch Members may use the designation AIRMTNZ-DBM or LAIRMTNZ-DBM if the member also has Leading Associate status.

Leading Associate LAIRMTNZ

The status of Leading Associate Member is awarded for a period of three years. Application can be made to the Registration Board by Associate Members who have met specific criteria and attended 36 or more PD activities during the previous three years. In order to retain LAIRMTNZ status, you must show that you have fulfilled the PD requirements as per the online PD records document. Leading Associate members are expected to play a leadership role in their local branch and /or national

activities of the Institute, have full voting rights and pay the appropriate annual subscription. 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 able to show evidence of an equivalent level of performance
- able to teach from beginners to higher grades, or have completed the IRMTNZ Foundation Course, or have another qualification at the same level
- teaching 6 or more pupils.

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

Retired Member

Any Associate Member may apply for the status of Retired Member if they have reached the age of sixty-five years, or a lesser age in particular instances at the discretion of Council. They must be teaching 6 or fewer pupils, and have effectively retired from the profession of music teaching. Any Retired Member shall be required to pay such proportion of the annual registration fee as the Council may determine from time to time.

UNREGISTERED MEMBERS

Honorary Fellow

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 fulfill the terms of their Honorary Fellowship by being available to contribute to Professional Development activities for music teachers through the auspices of IRMTNZ. Honorary Fellows may use the words Honorary Fellow (IRMTNZ).

Honorary Member

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).

Provisional Member

A Provisional Member is a person seeking to become a qualified private music teacher who can show they are a musical performer at the level of an Advanced Certificate or diploma through a recognised examination board, 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 and are encouraged to undertake a recognized Teacher Training Course such as the IRMTNZ Foundation Course in that 2 year period. Provisional Members have no voting rights and pay a discounted subscription. They can attend IRMTNZ Professional Development events at a reduced fee. Provisional members may use the words Provisional Member (IRMTNZ).

Affiliate Teacher membership

At the discretion of the Registration Board, teachers who do not satisfy the Board's requirements for Associate membership may be invited to apply for the status of Affiliate Teacher. Affiliate Teachers are not full members but are able to access the professional development and guidance offered by the Institute. Please contact the [Registrar](#) for further information.

Affiliate Individual

The Council may invite an individual to apply for the status of Affiliate who is not a music teacher but who has an interest in supporting the aims and objectives of the Institute. Affiliate members may use the words Affiliate Member IRMTNZ.

Affiliate Organisation

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.