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Statutes of the Order of New Zealand (SR 1987/67)

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Royal Warrant

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

Whereas We are desirous of signifying Our appreciation of outstanding services to the Crown and People of Our Realm of New Zealand:

We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Order of Distinction:

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1 Style and Designation

The Order shall be styled and designated “The Order of New Zealand”.

2 Membership

The Order shall consist of the Sovereign and Ordinary, Additional, and Honorary Members.

3 Sovereign

We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of New Zealand, are and forever shall be Sovereigns of this Order.

4 Ordinary Membership limited to 20

Ordinary Members of this Order shall not exceed 20 in number at any one time.

5 Honorary Members

Honorary Members of this Order shall be additional to the Ordinary Membership.

6 Additional Ordinary Members

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to admit into this Order Additional Ordinary Members in commemoration of any important Royal, State, or national occasion, and such Additional Members shall not be included within the number of Ordinary Members allotted to this Order.

7 Persons eligible for Ordinary Membership

Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this Order shall be New Zealand citizens or citizens of Commonwealth Nations of which We are Sovereign.

Clause 7: replaced, on 16 April 2021, by clause 2 of the Amendment of Statutes of the Order of New Zealand (LI 2021/72).

8 Persons eligible for Honorary Membership

Persons to be admitted as Honorary Members of this Order shall be persons who are not New Zealand citizens or citizens of Commonwealth Nations of which We are Sovereign.

Clause 8: replaced, on 16 April 2021, by clause 3 of the Amendment of Statutes of the Order of New Zealand (LI 2021/72).

9 Qualifications for Membership

Persons eligible to be admitted as Ordinary or Honorary Members shall be those who have rendered outstanding service to the Crown and people of New Zealand.

Clause 9: amended, on 16 April 2021, by clause 4 of the Amendment of Statutes of the Order of New Zealand (LI 2021/72).

10 Prime Minister to submit names for Appointment

No person shall be eligible to be appointed to this Order whose name has not been laid before Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Our Prime Minister of New Zealand or by a Minister of the Crown deputising for Our Prime Minister.

11 Appointments to be made by Warrant

When We, Our Heirs or Successors shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Member of this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Sign Manual, Sealed with the Seal of New Zealand, and counter-signed by Our Prime Minister and the Secretary and Registrar of this Order.

12 Investitures

It shall be competent for Our Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Realm of New Zealand to perform in Our Name, and on Our behalf, the ceremony of investing Members with the Badge of their Dignity.

13 Dispensing with investitures

It further shall be competent for Our said Governor-General to authorise some distinguished person to perform in Our Name, and on Our behalf, the ceremony

of investing Members with the Badge of their Dignity, or to permit the ceremony of investiture to be dispensed with.

14 Appointments to be published in *New Zealand Gazette*

The names of those persons appointed to this Order shall be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

15 Post-nominal letters: ONZ

Members of this Order shall have the privilege of adding the letters “ONZ” after their names.

16 Armorial Bearings

Members of this Order may suspend a representation of their ribbon and Badge from the bottom of the escutcheon containing their Armorial Bearings.

17 Badge

The Badge to be worn by Members of this Order, which shall be made of gold, shall be oval in shape and shall comprise in the centre a representation of the New Zealand Coat of Arms surrounded by a kōwhaiwhai rafter pattern all in coloured enamel.

17A Lapel Badges

- (1) A Lapel Badge may be worn by Members of this Order on those occasions it is inappropriate to wear the full-size Badge.
- (2) The Lapel Badge shall not exceed 18 mm by 12 mm in size, and shall consist of a small reproduction of the full-size Badge.

Clause 17A: inserted, on 16 April 2021, by clause 5 of the Amendment of Statutes of the Order of New Zealand (LI 2021/72).

18 Ribbon

The ribbon of this Order shall be 38 mm in width, of ochre with a narrow white stripe towards either edge.

19 Method of wearing Badge

The Badge shall be worn suspended from the ribbon around the neck or from the ribbon tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder.

Clause 19: replaced, on 16 April 2021, by clause 6 of the Amendment of Statutes of the Order of New Zealand (LI 2021/72).

20 Order of Wear

Our Governor-General, acting on the advice of Our Prime Minister of New Zealand, may determine the order of wear of the Badge of this Order in relation to the insignia of orders, decorations, and medals that have been or may be conferred in Our Realm of New Zealand.

Clause 20: replaced, on 16 April 2021, by clause 7 of the Amendment of Statutes of the Order of New Zealand (LI 2021/72).

21 Cancellation of Appointments and Restoration to the Order

It shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order signed by the Sovereign and sealed with the Seal of New Zealand, on a recommendation by Our Prime Minister of New Zealand or a Minister of the Crown deputising for Our Prime Minister, to cancel and annul the appointment of any person to this Order, and thereupon the name of such person in the Register shall be erased:

provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore to this Order any person whose appointment may have been so cancelled and annulled.

22 Return of Badge

Members of this Order shall make arrangements for the return of their Badge to the Secretary and Registrar of this Order on their death or the cancellation of their appointment and shall, upon receiving the Badge, give a written undertaking and promise to comply with this clause.

23 Seal of the Order

The Seal of this Order shall be the Seal of New Zealand and all instruments of the Order shall be sealed by and with the same.

24 Secretary and Registrar of the Order

There shall be a Secretary and Registrar of this Order who shall be the Clerk of Our Executive Council of New Zealand or such other person appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors who shall hold the said Office during Our pleasure.

25 Duties of the Secretary and Registrar

The Secretary and Registrar shall—

- (a) maintain a Register of all Members of the Order; and
- (b) maintain all proceedings and records of the Order; and
- (c) perform such duties as may be directed by the Sovereign.

26 Badge of the Sovereign

The Badge of the Sovereign of this Order shall be of the same materials and fashion as that prescribed for Members but surmounted by a Royal Crown in gold and enamel.

27 Badge of the Secretary and Registrar

The Badge of the Secretary and Registrar shall be of the same materials and fashion as that prescribed for Members but surmounted by two crossed quills in gold.

28 Restoration of the Badge of the Secretary and Registrar

The Badge of the Secretary and Registrar shall, on that Officer's resignation, dismissal, or death, be restored to the Sovereign of this Order.

29 Power reserved to alter Warrant

We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with this Our Warrant or any part thereof, by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of this Order.

Given under the Seal of New Zealand at Our Court at Saint James's, this 6th day of February One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-seven in the Thirty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

[Seal]

David Lange,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

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1 *General*

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4 *Amendments incorporated in this reprint*

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