

**MASSEY UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS STATUTE 2015**

Pursuant to section 171 of Education Act 1989

1. Title and commencement

This Statute may be cited as the Council Appointments Statute 2015 and comes into force on 10 October 2015.

2. Application

This statute applies to Council members and those eligible for appointment or election to Council.

3. Purpose

This statute governs the appointment of those members of the Council appointed to the Council by resolution, in accordance with Massey University's constitution (gazetted 29 July 2015) and [section 171\(1\)\(b\) of the Education Act 1989](#).

4. Appointment by virtue of office

- a. The Council will resolve to appoint the Vice-Chancellor as a member of Council, by virtue of his/her holding office as the chief executive officer of the Massey University.
- b. The Vice-Chancellor is to be a member of Council for as long as he/she holds that office.

5. Appointments on the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor

- a. The Council will resolve to appoint four persons, at least one of whom shall be Māori, able to provide the knowledge, skills and experience to meet the needs of the University as specified by Council following nomination by the Vice-Chancellor.
- b. Each person selected in accordance with the provisions of this section is to be appointed to Council by resolution for a period of not more than four years and ensuring that the total period for which they are a member of the Council does not exceed 12 years.

6. Appointments by election

- a. The Council will resolve to appoint one permanent member of the academic staff elected by the permanent members of that staff, one permanent member of the professional staff elected by the permanent members of that staff and one member following an election by the students of Massey University.
- b. Except as otherwise provided by this statute, the elections are to be conducted in accordance with the Council Elections (Academic Staff Member) Statute 2015, Council Elections (Professional Staff Member) Statute 2015 and Council Elections (Student member) Statute 2015 and with the provisions of the Council Electronic Election Statute 2015

7. Matters to be considered when appointing members:

- a. So far as is reasonably practicable, the Council will appoint members to reflect the ethnic and socio-economic diversity of the communities served by the institution and the fact that approximately half the population of New Zealand is male and half the population is female ([Section 171B\(1\) of the Education Act 1989](#)).
- b. Council will appoint people who, in Council's opinion
 - i. have relevant knowledge, skills, or experience;
 - ii. are likely to be able to fulfil their individual duties to the council; and
 - iii. together with the other members of the council, are capable of undertaking its responsibilities, duties, and functions. ([Section 171B\(2\) of the Education Act 1989](#))
- c. Meeting the needs of Massey University and the sound governance of the institution.
- d. Taking cognisance of alumni of the University.

7. Key relevant documents

Include the following:

- [The Education Act 1989](#)
- Council Electronic Election Statute 2015
- Council Elections (Academic Staff Member) Statute 2015
- Council Elections (Professional Staff Member) Statute 2015
- Council Elections (Student Member) Statute 2015

8. Document management and control

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