



NZSA Life Membership Award Nomination form

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- Service
- Sustained period
- Character
- Recognition of peers

Further detail on the criteria for the Life Membership Award [can be found in Section 6 of the NZSA Recognition and Awards Policy](#) and is also included as an appendix to this form.

Nominations must be submitted by a Fellow at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting – which is envisaged to be the normal meeting that Life Membership is voted on. For 2026, **nominations must be received by the [Secretariat](#) by 05 October 2026.**

The nomination form must contain the following:

Name of nominee:	
Membership status of nominee:	
Nominated by:	
Declaration that nominator is independent of nominee	Yes No
A brief biography of the nominee	
A detailed account of how the nominee has	Service



satisfied each of the criteria as set out above:	Sustained period Character Recognition of peers
Names of at least four other Fellows who support the nomination along with a testimonial from each supporter	
Fellow Name #1:	
Testimonial #1:	
Fellow Name #2:	
Testimonial #2:	



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Fellow Name #3:	
Testimonial #3:	
Fellow Name #4:	
Testimonial #4:	
Signed by the nominator:	Date

Please sign, date and return to the [Secretariat](#) by 05 October 2026



Life Membership

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Service

Service in this context primarily means service to the Society. This is a minimum requirement.

It may be complemented by service to the profession although this on its own would not qualify the nominee for life membership.

Examples of service are noted below although they are not exhaustive.

Service to the Society

The New Zealand Society of Actuaries is a member-based organisation that would not exist without the considerable volunteer efforts of its members. There are many reasons why members volunteer including:

- Giving back to the profession.
- Governance experience
- Special interest areas
- General industry knowledge
- Commercial kudos / advantages

For 'service' to count for this award it must necessarily be of material benefit to the Society. So that for example, merely being a member of a committee does not in and of itself count.

Examples of service to the Society that might be considered include:

- Serving as President
- Serving on Council
- Serving as convenor of committee or working group
- Serving on committees or working groups
- Drafting submissions
- Drafting professional standards
- Writing and presenting papers
- Participating in International events
- Mentoring students and other members of the Society

Service to the profession

It is possible that a Member may enhance the reputation of the Society or of actuaries in general through work that is carried out in a private or commercial capacity.



Examples of service to the profession that might be considered include:

- providing advice to a public entity (e.g. regulator, central or local government etc) for the purposes of benefiting that entity and / or the general public.
- carrying out a role within the public sector that is of high prominence, perhaps a new role or new field.
- Positively contributing to public debate or issues in the public domain as an Actuary

Sustained period

A further requirement is that the member's contribution must be over a sustained period of time. This could be expressed in a number of ways:

- At least twenty (25) years of membership of the Society
- At least fifteen (15) years of service (this could recognise some members who have had long overseas tenures) and were not NZSA members
- It is envisaged that the award is for members at or near the ended of their professional careers

Character

Members must have displayed integrity, honesty and professionalism. As such part of the nomination process will include confirmation that no activity has been carried out that would impugn the reputation of the Society or its members. This would include such areas as:

- Professional complaints
- Commercial disputes
- Legal disputes

Any other matters that impact negatively on the standing of the nominee.

Recognition of peers

The constitution requires that at least 75% of attending members at a General Meeting must vote in favour of life membership.

In addition to this, and to ensure that the nominee is likely to pass this vote, the nomination form must be suitably ratified by a number of peers.

Nomination process

Nominations must be submitted by a Fellow at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting – which is envisaged to be the normal meeting that Life Membership is voted on. The nomination form must contain the following:



- Name of nominee
- Membership status of nominee
- Name of nominator and declaration that nominator is independent of nominee
- A brief biography of the nominee
- A detailed account of how the nominee has satisfied each of the criteria as set out above
- Names of at least four other Fellows who support the nomination along with a testimonial from each supporter

Recommendation process

The Nominees will then be appraised by the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee ordinarily consists of the President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President and the Chief Executive.

The Awards Committee will then decide whether the Nominee has sufficiently satisfied the criteria to recommend the nomination. The Awards Committee must be unanimous in their view.

The Awards Committee must then provide a written citation to Council which will be made public prior to the vote. This must be provided to Council at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting.