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## STATUTES OF THE ORDER OF NEW ZEALAND

### ROYAL WARRANT

#### ELIZABETH R.

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:

Style and Designation.

1. The Order shall be styled and designated "THE ORDER OF NEW ZEALAND".

Membership.

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

Sovereign.

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

Ordinary Membership limited to 20.

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

Honorary Members.

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

Additional  
Ordinary  
Members.

6. 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.

Persons eligible  
for Ordinary  
Membership.

7. Persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this Order shall be subjects of Our Crown.

Persons eligible  
for Honorary  
Membership.

8. Persons to be admitted as Honorary Members of this Order shall be citizens of Commonwealth Nations of which We are not Queen or citizens of Foreign Nations.

Qualifications for  
Membership.

9. 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 in a Civil or Military capacity.

Prime Minister to  
submit names for  
Appointment.

10. 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.

Appointments to  
be made by  
Warrant.

11. 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.

Investitures.

12. 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.

Dispensing with  
investitures.

13. 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.

Appointments to  
be published in  
*New Zealand  
Gazette*.

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

Post-nominal  
letters—O.N.Z.

15. Members of this Order shall have the privilege of adding the letters "O.N.Z." after their names.

- Armorial Bearings. 16. Members of this Order may suspend a representation of their ribbon and Badge from the bottom of the escutcheon containing their Armorial Bearings.
- Badge. 17. 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 Kowhaiwhai rafter pattern all in coloured enamel.
- Ribbon. 18. The ribbon of this Order shall be 38 millimetres in width, of ochre with a narrow white stripe towards either edge.
- Method of wearing Badge. 19. The Badge shall be worn by men suspended from the ribbon around their necks, and in the case of women attached to the ribbon tied in a bow, and worn on the left shoulder.
- Order of Wear. 20. The Badge of this Order shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be worn after that of Our Order of the Companions of Honour.
- Cancellation of Appointments. 21. 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:
- Restoration to the Order. 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.
- Return of Badge. 22. 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.
- Seal of the Order. 23. 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.

Secretary and Registrar of the Order.

24. 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.

Duties of the Secretary and Registrar.

25. 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.

Badge of the Sovereign.

26. 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.

Badge of the Secretary and Registrar.

27. 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.

Restoration of the Badge of the Secretary and Registrar.

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

Power reserved to alter Warrant.

29. 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.

[L.S.]

DAVID LANGE,  
 Prime Minister of New Zealand.