



MASSEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS STATUTE 2023

Pursuant to section 276 of Education and Training Act 2020

1. Title and commencement

This Statute may be cited as the Council Appointments Statute 2023 and comes into force on the day after it is passed and this Statute repeals Massey University Council Appointments 2019.

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 276 of the Education and Training Act 2020](#).

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 2023, Council Elections (Professional Staff Member) Statute 2023 and Council Elections (Student member) Statute 2020 and with the provisions of the Council Electronic Election Statute 2023.

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 278\(1\) of the Education and Training Act 2020](#)).
- b. When appointing members of a council, the 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 278\(2\) of the Education and Training Act 2020](#)).
- c. Meet the needs of Massey University and the sound governance of the institution.

7. Key relevant documents

Include the following:

- [The Education and Training Act 2020](#)
- [Council Electronic Election Statute 2023](#)
- [Council Elections \(Academic Staff Member\) Statute 2023](#)
- [Council Elections \(Professional Staff Member\) Statute 2023](#)
- [Council Elections \(Student Member\) Statute 2020](#)

8. Document management and control

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