



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND PIPE BANDS' ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR SELECTION TO A NATIONAL PANEL OF MUSIC JUDGES OR NON-MUSIC JUDGES

Applications will be considered in April and October each year and must be received by 31 March or 30 September

Please ensure you read the Contest Rules (below) before applying.

As part of the application please provide a CV of your pipe banding career experience including:

- Band membership(s) – particularly over the last 10 years.
- Band Grades during your membership and period of membership.
- Band office/rank held and band major contesting successes during your membership.
- Full-band judging assignments undertaken.
- Formal musical qualifications (e.g., RNZPBA Certificates etc)
- For Non-Music your experience of judging drill, dress or mace flourishing events at contests.

It will be useful to know your principal tutor/mentors and any notable achievements.

You can apply to join the panels by clicking on these links:

1. [Application for National Music Panel](#)
2. [Application for National Non-Music Panel](#)

CONTEST RULES

Rules for appointment to the Music and Non-Music Judges Committee's

Non-Music Panel

1.4 APPOINTMENT TO PANELS

Subject to the Guidelines contained in the Rule the Non-Music Judges Committee shall consider applications received from Centres by the following procedures:

- i. An applicant must be nominated and seconded by two Member Bands.
- ii. Applicants will complete the appropriate application form (obtainable from the Executive Officer).
- iii. The application will be given to a Centre for verification on the information in the application.
- iv. The Centre will endorse the application and forward it to the Committee for consideration
- v. A Centre may not unreasonably withhold qualifying applications.
- vi. The Non-Music Judges Committee may choose to interview the applicant or a Centre Officer as part of the application process.
- vii. Nominations accompanied by the relevant application form should be with the Executive Officer by 31 March or 30 September for consideration by the Committee in April and November each year.

1.5 DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS

The Committee decisions shall be determined by consensus or by majority within the Committee. The Convenor shall have a casting vote in the event of the other members failing to achieve a decision.

The Committee's decision shall be conveyed to the National Contest Supervisor and Executive Officer who shall advise the nominee and the Centre of the success or otherwise of the nomination. If nominations are declined the Committee shall give reasons for its decision.

1.6 Guidelines for Applications for Non-Music Panel Membership Applicants must:

- i. Be New Zealand residents of good standing,
- ii. Have suitable knowledge and experience either as a drum major or drill instructor or have experience in a band which competed in Marching Displays for a period of five. years (not necessarily continuously) within the ten years prior to application.

- iii. Have judged at least three full pipe band competitions that had at least eight bands competing. In exceptional circumstances the Committee at its absolute discretion may consider applications outside these Guidelines.

Music Panel

2.1 APPOINTMENT TO PANELS

Subject to the Guidelines contained in paragraph 2.6 the Music Judges Committee shall consider applications received from Centres by the following procedures:

- i. An applicant must be nominated and seconded by two Member Bands, one of which shall be Grade 1 or Grade 2.
- ii. Applicants will complete the appropriate application form.
- iii. The application will be given to a Centre for verification of the information in the application.
- iv. The Centre will endorse the application and pass it to the Committee for consideration.
- v. A Centre may not unreasonably withhold qualifying applications.
- vi. The Music Judges Committee may choose to interview any applicant or a Centre officer as part of the application process.
- vii. Nominations accompanied by the relevant application form should be with the Executive Officer by 31 March or 30 September for consideration by the Committee in April and November each year.

2.2 DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS

The Committee decisions shall be determined by consensus or by majority within the Committee. The convenor shall have a casting vote in event of the other members failing to achieve a decision.

The Committee's decisions shall be conveyed to the National Contest Supervisor and Executive Officer who shall advise the nominee and the Centre of the success or otherwise of the nomination.

If nominations are declined the Committee shall give reasons for its decision.

2.3 GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MUSIC PANEL MEMBERSHIP

Applicants must:

- i. Be New Zealand residents of good standing.

- ii. Have suitable knowledge and experience including having performed in a band in Grade 1 or Grade 2 for a period of five years (not necessarily continuously) within the ten years prior to application.
- iii. Have judged at least three full pipe band competitions that had at least eight bands competing.

In exceptional circumstance the Committee, at its absolute discretion, may consider applications outside these Guidelines.