

Remit 4:

Updated CENNZ Operational Rules

Summary of Changes Between 2015 and 2026 CENNZ NZNO Rules

Purpose

To update the College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand – NZNO Rules (2015) to reflect current governance, cultural partnership, and operational practices as outlined in the 2026 CENNZ NZNO Operational Rules.

Please see below for a summary of key changes from the 2015 CENNZ Organisational Rules. Please see attached Proposed 2026 Organisation Rules to read in full.

1. Te Tiriti o Waitangi Integration

2015: Referenced the three principles — participation, protection, and partnership — in activities.

2026: Expanded to embed Te Tiriti o Waitangi throughout governance, adopting a Tāngata Whenua and Tāngata Tiriti Co-Chair model and aligning all operations with the Articles of Kāwanatanga (Governance), Tino Rangatiratanga (Self-determination), and Ōritetanga (Equity).

“CENNZ NZNO continues to reaffirm our support of Te Tiriti o Waitangi... creating space for a structure that reflects a true Tiriti partnership.”

2. Name and Branding

2015: College name and motto: *Ngā Ringa Ringa Aroha*.

2026: Retains the name but introduces a refreshed logo (endorsed at 2022 AGM) with symbolic koru design and updated colour palette to reflect NZNO alignment and cultural values.

3. Mission and Aims

2015: Focused on education, practice, management, research, and Treaty principles.

2026: Expanded to include advocacy and equity-focused aims across all domains — education, practice, management, leadership, and research — with explicit reference to Māori Health Strategy *Te Pae Tawhiti* and the Pae Ora Healthy Futures Act 2022.

4. Membership

2015: Defined full, associate, and honorary life membership.

2026: Maintains categories but adds ethnicity and tribal affiliation to the membership register and clarifies eligibility for overseas and allied health professionals.

“The register shall include the member’s ethnicity/ies and tribal affiliations.”

5. Governance Structure

2015: Single Chairperson model; 10 regional representatives; Te Rūnanga o Aotearoa representative.

2026: Introduces dual Co-Chair model (Tāngata Whenua and Tāngata Tiriti) and two additional Tāngata Whenua positions. Tenure extended from two years to three years, with re-election options.

“When CENNZ cannot fill either one of the Co-Chair positions, that position must remain empty until a suitable candidate applies.”

6. Meetings and Voting

2015: Minimum of three meetings per year plus AGM; voting by show of hands or voice.

2026: Adds six online meetings annually; allows electronic voting (Zoom polls, online ballots); removes proxy voting; AGM may be held online in non-conference years.

7. Finances

2015: Cheque-based authority; internal audit; regions prohibited from opening accounts.

2026: Updates to electronic financial transaction authority; requires external audit; retains regional banking prohibition.

“Financial transaction authority (via bank transfer or similar) approved by the National Committee.”

8. Honoraria

Change in 2026: Annual honoraria updated to reflect new Co-Chair model for National Committee members, motioned at each AGM to acknowledge portfolio responsibilities.

9. Networks

New in 2026: Establishes formal professional networks:

- Nurse Educator Network
- Charge Nurse Manager Network
- Nurse Practitioner / AENN Network
- Māori Nehi Network

Each network has a National Committee representative and may receive financial support.

10. Journal – Emergency Nurse NZ

2015: Three issues annually; editor appointed for one year.

2026: Retains structure but adds digital access via email, website, and social media; introduces Journal Portfolio holder if editor is external.

11. Interpretation and Winding Up

2015: Rules subject to NZNO Board of Directors confirmation.

2026: Clarifies that confirmation is by the NZNO National Executive and updates terminology for governance accuracy.

“The Rules of CENNZ/NZNO are subject to confirmation by NZNO whose National Executive may from time to time request changes...”

12. Property

New in 2026: Lists CENNZ/NZNO-owned assets (four laptops) and assigns them to specific roles — Co-Chair, Secretary, Triage Coordinator, Treasurer.

Recommendation

That the College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand – NZNO adopt the 2026 Operational Rules as the governing document, replacing the 2015 Rules, effective from the next financial year.