

## 2025 AGM Notification to EN Section members from the Enrolled Nurse Section National Committee

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### Notification: Top of the South Regional Section to Merge with Canterbury Regional Section.

The National Enrolled Nurse Section Committee is notifying the AGM of the merging of Top of the South Enrolled Nurse Section and Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section. The combined section will consist of all members working or living within the new geographical area. The new geographical area will include Timaru, Ashburton, Christchurch (Canterbury), Marlborough, Tasman and Nelson.

Notification that the voting strength will increase for the Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section as of May 2026 with the merging with Top of the South Enrolled Nurse Section.

- A proposed name change for the merging of the two sections is Canterbury/TOTS
- Finances from Top of the South Enrolled Nurse Section are to be transferred to Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section. With the clause that if Top of the South Enrolled Nurse Section happens to get reinstated within two (2) years then the unused funds will be transferred back to Top of the South Enrolled Nurse Section and if not, then the funds remain with Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section.
- We propose that the two (2) section will completely operate as one regional section from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.

### Rationale:

Top of the south Enrolled Nurses Section has requested to merge with Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section due to the decrease in membership and lack of member engagement at a committee level. This merging will ensure that current members of the Top of the South Enrolled Nurse Section will not lose the professional body voice as a regional section. There have been multiple conversations regarding this issue over the past two years.

#### Enrolled Nurse Section Rules:

(i) **5. REGIONAL SECTIONS**

(a) **Establishment of a Regional section**

(i) A region consists of the members working or living within a **geographical area defined by the National Committee**. The National Committee will give consideration to having the same regional boundaries as NZNO.