### Honours Awards – Criteria and Award Process

**Life Membership**

#### **Life Member**: A Physiotherapy member of Physiotherapy New Zealand (PNZ) who is appointed to this category of membership by the PNZ Executive in recognition of their long and/or distinguished service to PNZ

#### **Life Member (Honorary)**: A non-member (i.e. not eligible for membership of PNZ), who is appointed to this category of membership by the PNZ Executive in recognition of their long and/or distinguished service to PNZ;

**Criteria** **for Life Membership** (two of the four criteria must apply)

* Has raised and upheld the profile of physiotherapy in the community.
* Has given of themselves to support the advancement of the physiotherapy profession where financial gain or paid service is not a priority.
* Has given outstanding service to PNZ.
* Has given other service that the PNZ Executive deems to be relevant to the award.

**Rights of Life Members**

* Shall receive a Certificate of Life Membership
* Shall be entitled to use the letters (LMPNZ or LMPNZ (Hon))
* Shall retain all rights of membership, where a member - note that Life Members (Honorary) are not eligible to vote.
* Shall have annual membership fees waived for Physiotherapy Membership of PNZ.

**Honorary Fellow**

1. **Honorary Fellow Member (physiotherapist):** an individual appointed to this category of membership by the PNZ Executive in recognition of their outstanding contribution to physiotherapy and/or to PNZ and/or in the field of public health.

#### **Honorary Fellow Member (non-physiotherapist)**: an individual person who is not a physiotherapist and who is appointed to this category of membership by the PNZ Executive in recognition of their outstanding contribution to physiotherapy and/or to PNZ and/or in the field of public health.

**Criteria for Honorary Fellow** (two of the four criteria must apply)

* Has attained a highly recognized academic or research achievement in their field of physiotherapy.
* Has shown a highly recognized innovation in their field of physiotherapy.
* Has been active in and a strong advocate for the advancement of the profession.
* Has successfully promoted the role of physiotherapy in population health.

**Rights of Honorary Fellows**

* Shall receive a Certificate of Honorary Fellowship
* Shall be entitled to use the letters FPNZ (Hon.)
* Shall retain all rights of membership
* Shall have annual membership fees waived

**Award Process**

### Submitting a Nomination

1. Nomination shall be made on the official PNZ nomination form.
2. Nomination shall be supported by at least two nominators who shall each be a PNZ member of at least five years standing.
3. Neither the nominee nor any member of the Honours Committee shall be eligible to act in the capacity of a nominator.
4. The nomination shall be lodged with the PNZ Office at pnz@physiotherapy.org.nz including the signed nomination form, copy of the nominee’s Curriculum Vitae and documents supporting the nomination. This can include input from PNZ Branches/SIGs.

### Honours Committee

1. There shall be a subcommittee of the PNZ Executive called the Honours Committee comprising three members, including the President.
2. The committee shall elect their own chairperson.
3. The committee may seek advice from other physiotherapists and/or non-physiotherapists whose qualifications are appropriate in helping the committee to determine its recommendations to the PNZ Executive.

### Presentation of Awards

1. Awards will be announced and presented by the President at the PNZ 2020 AGM.

If the recipient is not able to attend the Annual General Meeting, the presentation may be made at the PNZ Executive discretion, at an earlier or later suitable occasion.