

The advertisement used on the seek.co.nz website for the Social Worker Disciplinary Tribunal Member was:

Applications for Layperson member of the Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal

Applications are sought for one layperson member of the Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal (the Tribunal). The Tribunal hears and determines disciplinary charges laid against registered social workers.

The Tribunal comprises a Chair, one or more Deputy Chairs, at least five registered social workers and at least one layperson (that is, someone who is not a registered social worker). Tribunal members are appointed by the Minister for Social Development and Employment (the Minister) under the Social Workers Registration Act 2003.

Applicants must be able to represent the public, bring a balanced perspective to the Tribunal's deliberations, and be of proven integrity and good standing within their community. They should possess the skills, experience, and judgement required to address complex and potentially contentious matters effectively.

For more information about this role, please see the [Tribunal members position description](#).

Please note a social worker member of the Tribunal is being sought separately. Members of the Social Workers Registration Board cannot be members of the Tribunal.

Next Steps

To be considered for appointment please apply by providing the following:

- a cover letter, which includes contact details (email address and phone number)
- a current curriculum vitae.

Applications must be **made via email** to appointments@msd.govt.nz

IMPORTANT: Please **do not** apply through the Seek portal. Seek is being used for advertising purposes only.

Applications are **due by 5.00pm on Tuesday 31 March 2026**. As part of your application, please let us know where you saw this role advertised.

This process is managed by the Ministry of Social Development on behalf of the Minister.

The advertisement used on the jobs.govt.nz website for the role:

Applications for Social worker member of the Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal

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The Tribunal comprises a Chair, one or more Deputy Chairs, at least five registered social workers and at least one layperson. Tribunal members are appointed by the Minister for Social Development and Employment (the Minister) under the Social Workers Registration Act 2003.

Applicants must be registered social workers who can bring the view of a reasonable and experienced registered social worker to Tribunal discussions, and can provide input into the decisions that are drafted by the Chair or Deputy Chair.

Applicants should understand the Tribunal's role, matters likely to come before the Tribunal and ideally have experience working as a social worker within a government setting.

For more information about this role, please see the [Tribunal members position description](#).

Please note a layperson member of the Tribunal is being sought separately. Members of the Social Workers Registration Board cannot be members of the Tribunal.

Next Steps

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The advertisement in the SWRB newsletter covered both the Tribunal and SWRB roles (details on the latter in the next section) was:

APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Minister for Social Development and Employment is seeking applications for three roles. This process is managed by the Ministry of Social Development on behalf of the Minister under the Social Workers Registration Act 2003.

a) Application for a layperson member of the Social Workers Registration Board

The appointee must not be a registered social worker or a member of the Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal.

Candidates are sought with demonstrated senior management or executive level experience — that includes time spent in a non-government organisation — and an understanding of public sector governance.

For more information about this role, please see the [Layperson member position description](#).

b) **Two applications for members of the Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal**

For detailed information about the two positions, please see the [Tribunal members position description](#).

Appointees to the Tribunal cannot be members of the SWRB Board.

RSW member. Applications are invited for the appointment of one social worker member. For this position, applicants must be registered social workers who can bring the view of a 'reasonable and experienced registered social worker' to Tribunal discussions and can provide input into the decisions that are drafted by the Chair or Deputy Chair. Applicants should understand the Tribunal's role, matters likely to come before the Tribunal and ideally have experience working as a social worker within a government setting.

Layperson member. Applications are invited for the appointment of one layperson member (that is, someone who is not a registered social worker). Applicants must be able to represent the public and bring a balanced perspective to the Tribunal's deliberations and be of proven integrity and good standing within their community. They should possess the skills, experience, and judgement required to address complex and potentially contentious matters effectively.

To apply:

To be considered for any of these above roles please apply to MSD, by providing the following:

- a cover letter, which includes contact details (email address and phone number)
- a current curriculum vitae.

Applications must be **made via email** to appointments@msd.govt.nz. Applications are **due by 5.00pm on Tuesday 31 March 2026**. As part of your application, please let MSD know where you saw the role advertised.

The advertisement in the SSPA newsletter covered both the Tribunal and SWRB roles (details on the latter in the next section) was:

Applications sought for members of the Social Workers Registration Board and Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal

The Minister for Social Development and Employment (the Minister) is seeking applications for two bodies, the:

1. Social Workers Registration Board (the SWRB)
2. Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal (the Tribunal).

One layperson member of the Social Workers Registration Board

The SWRB is a Crown entity under the Crown Entities Act 2004. It is the social worker regulator and lead agency for social worker workforce planning.

Candidates are sought with senior management or executive level experience (including time spent in a non-government organisation) and an understanding of public sector governance.

The appointee cannot be a registered social worker or a member of the Tribunal.

For more information about this role, please see the [Layperson member position description](#).

One social worker member and one layperson member of the Social Workers Disciplinary Tribunal

The Tribunal is a statutory authority that hears and determines disciplinary charges laid against registered social workers.

For the social worker member, candidates should be able to bring the 'view of a reasonable and experienced registered social worker' to Tribunal discussions and can provide input into the decisions that are drafted by the Chair or Deputy Chair. They should ideally have experience as a social worker within a government setting.

For the layperson member, candidates should be able to help bring a balanced perspective to the Tribunal's deliberations, and must be of proven integrity and good standing within their community. They should possess the experience and judgement to effectively address complex and potentially contentious matters.

Appointees to the Tribunal cannot be members of the SWRB Board.

For detailed information about the two positions, please see the [Tribunal members position description](#).

To apply:

To be considered for any of the above roles please apply by providing the following:

- a cover letter, which states which position you are applying for and includes contact details (email address and phone number)
- a current curriculum vitae.

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