



Applicants wanted for the Archives Council

On behalf of the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Department of Internal Affairs is seeking candidates interested in serving as a member of the Archives Council.

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More information on the Board's membership can be found at [Archives Council's Charter](#) and <https://www.archives.govt.nz/about-us/who-we-are>

Candidates should possess several of the following attributes:

- Knowledge of te ao Māori and tikanga Māori
- Knowledge and expertise in regulation as it relates to public sector records and information management, particularly digital information and matters regarding data sovereignty
- Experience with the machinery of government and knowledge of public sector governance, management and accountability processes
- Digital information management experience, including the use of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies, and policy knowledge and perspectives
- Experience in community archives, information, and records management
- Practical and technical archives management and operations experience.

Application Information

Further information on the roles and how to apply, including a Candidate Information Sheet and Expression of Interest Form can be found at <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Appointments-to-Statutory-Bodies>.

Application close **5pm Monday, 9 March 2026.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that applications should be sent to appointments@dia.govt.nz.

MP for Tāmaki

Minister of Internal Affairs

Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety



22 JUN 2026

Mrs Rātangihia (Rā) Steer

9(2)(a)

Dear Mrs Steer,

As the responsible Minister for the Archives Council, I am pleased to advise that, under section 14 (2) of the Public Records Act 2005 (the Act), I have appointed you as a member of the Archives Council (the Council), for a three-year term of office commencing on 1 July 2026 and expiring on 30 June 2029.

A notice announcing your appointment will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

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Commitment and remuneration

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Your remuneration will be \$315 per day, with reimbursement of actual and reasonable expenses for travel. These fees are set under the requirements of the Cabinet Fees Framework.

Term of office

Under section 14 (4) of the Act you will continue in office at the expiry of your term until you are reappointed, replaced by a successor, or removed from office by the Minister of Internal Affairs.

You may resign from office by written notice to me at any time, with a copy to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department), stating the date on which your resignation will be effective.

Conflicts of interest

If at any stage during your term of appointment you feel you may have a conflict of interest or probity issue, please bring this promptly to the attention of the Chair who will decide how to best manage the conflict or probity issue.

Other matters

Please acknowledge your appointment as a member by signing and returning the attached form. If you have any questions about your appointment, please contact 9(2)(a) Policy Analyst, Monitoring and Appointments at the Department by email at

9(2)(a)

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment. Your knowledge and experience will be of considerable benefit to the Archives Council.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister of Internal Affairs

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Acknowledgement of appointment to the Archives Council

I, Rātangihia (Rā) Steer, acknowledge my appointment as a member of the Archives Council for a three-year term of office commencing on 1 July 2026 and expiring on 30 June 2029.

I confirm that I have read, understand, and accept the conditions of my office as outlined in my letter of appointment and will conduct myself in a manner that aligns with these expectations.

Signed:

Date:

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22 JUN 2026

Dr Cadence Kaumoana

9(2)(a)

Dear Dr Kaumoana,

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Minister of Internal Affairs

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I confirm that I have read, understand, and accept the conditions of my office as outlined in my letter of appointment and will conduct myself in a manner that aligns with these expectations.

Signed:

Date:

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22 JUN 2026

Dr Katharine Watson
9(2)(a)

Dear Dr Watson,

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Yours sincerely,



Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister of Internal Affairs

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Signed:

Date: