

NZSTA Guidelines for Issuing of Letters of Good Standing

A NZSTA Letter of Good Standing declares that a NZSTA member:

- *Meets **all** the requirements for recognition for membership.*
- *Has agreed to abide by the NZSTA Code of Ethics.*
- *Meets the NZSTA requirements for continuing professional development.*
- *Is not subject to any disciplinary investigation or sanction.*

Eligibility Criteria

A Letter of Good Standing will be issued only to current **Registered Members** who have held a **working category NZSTA Registered membership** for a minimum of **12 months**. NZSTA Registered membership applies to **practising** (working as an SLT in New Zealand for more than 12 months) speech and language therapists who fulfil the NZSTA requirements for continuing professional development and who have agreed to abide by the NZSTA Code of Ethics.

Letters will be issued only for the specified purpose of application for membership of an MRA signatory professional association. The Letter of Good Standing will be sent (via post) directly to the relevant professional association and copied to the applicant.

Letters will be valid only for the membership year in which they are issued.

Applicants who have been NZSTA Registered members for a period of less than one year **will not** be issued with a Letter of Good Standing but may be issued with a letter indicating the dates of their membership period.

Applicants with a period of lapsed membership and whose current membership is less than one year, **will not** be issued with a Letter of Good Standing but may be issued with a letter indicating the dates of previous membership. The letter will also indicate that they have recently renewed membership.

Applicants who have in the past been subject to disciplinary investigation will have their request considered on an individual basis.

Process of Application

An application for a Letter of Good Standing can be made by emailing the following form to admin@speechtherapy.org.nz.

Any questions can be also be emailed to admin@speechtherapy.org.nz.



New Zealand Speech-language Therapists' Association

Te Kāhui Kaiwhakatikatika Reo Kōrero o Aotearoa

Request for NZSTA Letter of Good Standing

We endeavour to provide your Letter of Good Standing within two weeks of receiving this completed form where possible. Your Letter of Good Standing will be posted directly to the MRA partner you nominate. Letters will be valid only for the membership year in which they are issued.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Postcode: _____ Email _____

Telephone: (Home/mobile) _____ (Work/mobile) _____

Current place of Work: _____

Current employer: _____

Current hours of work per week: _____

Commencement date of this employment: _____

Disclosure Information and Declaration:

1. I am a current Registered Member of NZSTA and my NZSTA Membership Number is: _____
2. I have been a Registered Member of NZSTA for the last 12 consecutive months Yes No
3. I have no outstanding fees with the NZSTA: Yes No
4. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence or an offence related to the practice of speech language therapy? Yes No
5. Have you been the subject of a finding of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity by your employer or any other body? Yes No
6. Have you ever been disciplined or sanctioned, or are there any disciplinary proceedings pending against you before any professional association, professional licensing authority or board, or other professional regulatory body? Yes No



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7. My CPD log is up-to-date and sufficient. Yes No
8. I have received supervision at least 4 times in the previous 12 months. Yes No
9. I have been working in New Zealand in the previous 12 months and have provided evidence of this. Yes No
10. I have read and understand the NZSTA Code of Ethics (2008) and I agree to abide by this Code and any subsequent amendments. I understand that, should I cease to be a member, any complaint against me may be directed to the Health and Disability Commissioner for investigation. Yes No
11. I declare that the information provided in this form, and all other relevant documentation, is true and correct. Yes No

MRA Partner Letter to be sent to: _____

Signed _____ Date / /

Once completed, please email your application for a Letter of Good Standing to admin@speechtherapy.org.nz