



**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO**  
**ACADEMIC STAFF**  
**COLLECTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

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**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO**  
**Te Whāre Wananga o Otāgo**  
**COLLECTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**  
**FOR ACADEMIC STAFF**

**1. GENERAL**

**a. Parties**

BETWEEN The Vice-Chancellor, University of Otago (the “employer”) (the employer may delegate any of the employer’s powers or duties under this agreement to such person or persons as the employer nominates for that purpose).

AND The Tertiary Education Union (TEU)

**b. Coverage**

a. i. This agreement shall apply to all academic staff who have one of the following titles: Professor; Associate Professor; Senior Lecturer; Lecturer; Joint Clinical Staff Professorial Research Fellow; Research Professor; Research Associate Professor; Senior Research Fellow; Research Fellow; Assistant Research Fellow; Professional Practice Fellow; Senior Professional Practice Fellow; Teacher Education Fellow; Teacher Pathway; Teacher Language Centre; Senior Teaching Fellow; Teaching Fellow; and Post-Doctoral Fellows.

ii. Tutors & Demonstrators will be covered from 1 January 2025. The terms and conditions are as stated in Appendix C). The other terms and conditions contained within this agreement do not apply to Tutors and Demonstrators unless explicitly stated.

b. Notwithstanding 1.b.a. the following staff are specifically excluded from coverage:

i. any employee with one of the above titles in 1.b.a. who is appointed as a Dean; Pro-Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor for the duration of that appointment,

iii. All casual staff being defined below as:

Persons employed on an on-call and as required basis without any commitment from either party to ongoing employment. This includes staff engaged for one-off situations. They do not have predetermined hours of work and work arrangements are made on an hourly, daily or weekly basis as the employer’s needs arise.

### **c. Definitions**

In this agreement the following definitions will apply:

"University" means the University of Otago.

"Employer" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Otago.

"HNZ" means Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora as specified in their letter of appointment.

"Academic Pathway" means the roles within the Lecturer to Professor career pathway. This replaces Confirmation pathway.

"Medical Specialist" means any medical practitioner who is vocationally registered by the Medical Council under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 in one of the approved branches of medicine and who is employed in either that branch of medicine or in a similar capacity with minimal oversight."

## **2. UNION RECOGNITION / NEW EMPLOYEES**

The University recognises that the unions are legitimate and important stakeholders which represent union members and have rights and interests in decisions affecting members' work and employment. The employer has an interest in the unions being well organised and effective in the employment relationship. The employer will allow union representatives reasonable paid time to carry out their union roles within and beyond the workplace. In addition the following time release will be allocated for the Branch President (or as the Unions see fit):

- 0.2 FTE time release available to the allocated annually by the TEU branch.
- 0.2FTE time release available across both collective agreements to be allocated annually by the TEU branch for its Te Uepū Representative.
- Notice of the appointment and allocation will be given in writing to the Employer.

When a person is appointed to a position where the work to be done is covered by this agreement, included within the letter of offer or induction material, the employer will:

- i. give the employee a copy of this agreement; and
- ii. inform the employee that they may join one of the unions and provide the contact details of the Union; and
- iii. if the employee agrees, inform the union parties that the employee has been employed.

During the first 30 days of employment, the terms and conditions will be the terms and conditions of this agreement, and any additional terms and conditions mutually agreed which are not inconsistent with this agreement.

## **3. RESEARCH FUNDED PERMANENT STAFF**

Staff may be appointed to this category of employment where their employment is dependent on the continuation of sufficient research funding, as determined by the Employer. Except as otherwise specified their terms and conditions of employment will be the same as other employees with ongoing employment

#### **4. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Recognising the unique position of the University as critic and conscience of society as set out in the University Charter and acknowledging the principles of Academic Freedom as set out in s161 of the Education Act 1989 the employer undertakes, at all times, to act as a good employer by following a procedure which is fair and based on the principles of natural justice.

All policies, procedures, statutes and regulations relating to employees shall be binding on the employer and employees. Nothing in these policies or procedures shall be inconsistent with this agreement, but should this occur, the agreement will apply. The employer may, from time to time, vary these provisions or may issue new ones.

The employer may, from time to time, vary the provisions of any Human Resources policy or may issue new policies or procedures. Prior to establishing any new Human Resources policy or making a substantial change to an existing Human Resources policy the employer must consult with the Unions. Should the Unions consider that they may not have had sufficient input, the Unions shall advise the employer, either before or at the time the policy or procedure is being promulgated.

#### **5. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

Termination of employment shall be in accordance with the following:

- a. The notice period of any **permanent** employee whose appointment is within the Academic Pathway is 6 months
- b. The notice period for staff employed in the research funded category is one month.
- c. The employment of any other employee (excluding an employee on a fixed-term agreement) shall be terminated by either party upon 3 months' notice.
- d. Where a fixed-term agreement expires, notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time the agreement of employment was entered into. Notwithstanding this, either party may terminate the employment at a date earlier than the expiry of the fixed-term agreement for which the notice period shall be one month.

In the case of staff on fixed-term agreements nothing in this agreement shall be read to create an expectation of continued employment beyond the expiry of the staff member's fixed-term.

- f. The above periods of notice may be varied by mutual agreement.
- g. Notwithstanding the above provisions, the employer shall be entitled to terminate any employee's employment at any time and without notice or with reduced notice in the event of serious misconduct by the employee. The employer reserves the

right, in consultation with the TEU, to suspend on full pay any employee involved in a disciplinary procedure where the employer considers suspension to be in the best interests of any of those involved.

**Joint Clinical appointments only:**

- h. Where a fixed term agreement expires notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time the employment agreement was entered into 3-months' notice will be required if either party wishes to terminate the agreement prior to the end of the fixed term.
- i. Further an employee may be required by the employer to relinquish employment based on the certificates of two medical practitioners nominated by the employer certifying that the employee is no longer capable of undertaking the full duties of that employee's position. The employer will only take such action when paid sick leave has been exhausted and redeployment possibilities investigated. The employer will meet the costs of said medical examinations.

**6. MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE**

Provisions relating to Management of Change are set out in Appendix A.

**7. CONTINUITY OF EMPLOYMENT**

Irrespective of any subsequent changes to legislation, Part 6A of the Employment Relations Act 2000 as enacted at the date of this agreement shall continue to apply to this agreement to the extent that this is possible while complying with any subsequent legislation.

**8. RETIREMENT**

- a. The employer will approve a request to retire from an employee where that employee is clearly at the end of their career and is withdrawing permanently from substantial paid employment. Approval may be given in other circumstances by mutual agreement including retirement on medical grounds.
- b. Retirement Gratuity

Where approval to retire is granted by the employer, the employee shall receive a retirement gratuity based on the following scale:

| <u>Service</u>          | <u>Gratuity Equivalent to</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| After 10 years' service | 3 months' salary              |
| After 14 years' service | 4 months' salary              |
| After 17 years' service | 5 months' salary              |
| After 20 years' service | 6 months' salary              |

**Joint Clinical appointments only**

- c. Gratuities may be paid to the spouse or if no surviving spouse, the dependent child(ren) or the estate if the employee dies before retirement or dies after retirement but before receiving a gratuity. Spouse is defined as a person with whom a marriage contract has been made or who is in a de facto relationship.
- d. The calculation of a gratuity shall be in accordance with the relative proportion of time spent working for the University and the HNZ applied to the appropriate University scale of gratuity (for the academic proportion of the position), and, if applicable, the HNZ scale of retiring gratuity for the clinical proportion of the position. Where the HNZ has not agreed to the payment of a gratuity for the clinical component of the position, the gratuity will be based solely on the University component of their salary.
- e. No employee shall be entitled to a retiring gratuity of greater than six months' salary.

## **9. RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS SERVICE**

For the purpose of calculating sick leave entitlements, the University will recognise previous service with the University of Otago or the Dunedin College of Education subject to production of a certificate of service or other evidence.

- a. The University may give credit for service with another New Zealand University or District Health Board (in the case of Joint Clinical Appointments) for calculating entitlements.
- b. Recognition of service will not be given when the employee has previously retired or received redundancy compensation from the University of Otago.

## **10. HOURS OF WORK**

The hours of work shall be such as are reasonably required to fulfil the duties of an academic staff member of the University and shall be worked at such time and on such days as the employer may require.

In determining the exact hours of work, consideration will be given to the needs of the employee and current practice.

The 'reasonable' requirements for part-time employees will be based on the proportion of full-time for which they are paid.

Teacher Education Fellows will have their workload governed by a University of Otago College of Education workload policy agreed by Parties.

Staff are entitled to request flexible working arrangements as outlined in university policy and legislation.

## **11. FLEXIBLE WORK CLAUSE**

There is a fundamental expectation that all staff will routinely be at work on campus so they are available to assist students, so that students can see the University as a place



of active scholarship, and so that staff can benefit from each other and contribute constructively to their department's culture and activities.

The University encourages managers to be flexible when considering applications to work from home. Heads of Department and Managers may approve staff working away from campus where this is of benefit to the department and / or the individual. Applications to work from home may be made by any staff member where the nature of at least some of their work means it can be completed effectively from home. Requests may be made for either blocks of time related to specific projects or for regular, specified periods of time. Work to be carried out from home must be specified at the time the request is made. Staff members working from home must be available to attend to work during the ordinary hours or work and to undertake any on-campus activities required. The Department, where possible, will make equipment available to work from home.

Applications will be considered in accordance with the University's Flexible Working Arrangements Policy.

This does not apply to staff who routinely work off campus, such as clinicians.11.

## 12. REMUNERATION

If the Government provides funding specifically for salary increases during the term of this agreement, the University will increase staff salaries accordingly.

### a. Salary Scale

The following salary scale shall apply to **non-medical or dental** employees covered by this Collective Employment Agreement.

| Position Title   | Grade   | 1/07/2024 | 1/07/2025 |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Teaching Fellows/Professional Practice Fellows</b><br><b>Band 1</b>               | TFP1 01 | 73,166    | 75,727    |
|  | TFP1 02 | 76,062    | 78,724    |
|  | TFP1 03 | 78,958    | 81,722    |
|  | TFP1 04 | 81,863    | 84,728    |
|  | TFP1 05 | 84,878    | 87,849    |
| <b>Teaching Fellows/Professional Practice Fellows</b><br><b>Band 2</b>               | TFP2 01 | 88,516    | 91,614    |
|  | TFP2 02 | 92,152    | 95,377    |
|  | TFP2 03 | 94,084    | 97,377    |
|  | TFP2 04 | 96,753    | 100,139   |
|  | TFP2 05 | 99,420    | 102,900   |
| <b>Senior Teaching Fellows/Senior Professional Practice Fellows</b><br><b>Band 3</b> | TFP3 01 | 102,092   | 105,665   |
|  | TFP3 02 | 104,760   | 108,427   |
|  | TFP3 03 | 107,437   | 111,197   |
|  | TFP3 04 | 111,056   | 114,943   |

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| <b>Senior Teaching Fellows/Senior Professional Practice Fellows<br/>Band 4</b>                      | TFP4 01                          | 116,420 | 120,495 |
|   | TFP4 02                          | 118,659 | 122,812 |
|   | TFP4 03                          | 122,194 | 126,471 |
|   | TFP4 04                          | 125,729 | 130,130 |
|   | TFP4 05                          | 129,261 | 133,785 |
|   | TFP4 06                          | 132,796 | 137,444 |
|   | <b>Teacher Education Fellows</b> | TEF1 01 | 94,084  |
| TEF1 02   |                                  | 96,753  | 100,139 |
| TEF1 03   |                                  | 99,420  | 102,900 |
| TEF1 04   |                                  | 102,092 | 105,665 |
| TEF1 05   |                                  | 104,760 | 108,427 |
| TEF1 06   |                                  | 107,436 | 111,196 |
| TEF1 07   |                                  | 111,056 | 114,943 |
| TEF2 01   |                                  | 116,420 | 120,495 |
| TEF2 02   |                                  | 118,659 | 122,812 |
| TEF2 03   |                                  | 122,194 | 126,471 |
| TEF2 04   |                                  | 125,729 | 130,130 |
| TEF2 05   |                                  | 129,261 | 133,785 |
| TEF2 06   |                                  | 132,796 | 137,444 |
| <b>Assistant Research Fellows</b><br><br>Bar<br><br><b>Assistant Research Fellows above the bar</b> |                                  | ARF01   | 60,383  |
|   | ARF02                            | 63,005  | 65,210  |
|   | ARF03                            | 65,203  | 67,485  |
|   | ARF04                            | 68,016  | 70,397  |
|   | ARF05                            | 69,424  | 71,854  |
|   | ARF06                            | 72,237  | 74,765  |
|   | ARF07                            | 73,166  | 75,727  |
|   | ARF08                            | 75,731  | 78,382  |
|   | ARF09                            | 78,718  | 81,473  |
|   | ARF10                            | 81,280  | 84,125  |
| <b>Post Doctoral Fellow</b>   | PD01                             | 89,227  | 92,350  |
| <b>Lecturers/Research Fellows/Scientific Officers</b>   | LL01                             | 94,084  | 97,377  |
|   | LL02                             | 96,753  | 100,139 |
|   | LL03                             | 99,420  | 102,900 |
|   | LL04                             | 102,092 | 105,665 |
|   | LL05                             | 104,760 | 108,427 |
|   | LL06                             | 107,437 | 111,197 |
|   | LL07                             | 111,056 | 114,943 |

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| <b>Senior Lecturers/Senior Research Fellows</b>               | SL01  | 116,419 | 120,494 |
|   | SL02  | 118,659 | 122,812 |
|   | SL03  | 122,194 | 126,471 |
|   | SL04  | 125,729 | 130,130 |
|   | SL05  | 129,261 | 133,785 |
|   | SL06  | 132,796 | 137,444 |
| <b>Senior Lecturers/Senior Research Fellows above the bar</b> | SLR01 | 135,735 | 140,486 |
|   | SLR02 | 139,309 | 144,185 |
|   | SLR03 | 143,018 | 148,024 |
| <b>Associate Professors/Research Associate Professors</b>     | AP01  | 148,699 | 153,903 |
|   | AP02  | 152,232 | 157,560 |
|   | AP03  | 155,768 | 161,220 |
|   | AP04  | 159,301 | 164,877 |
|   | AP05  | 162,838 | 168,537 |
| <b>Professors/Research Professors</b>                         | PF01  | 169,586 | 175,522 |
|   | PF02  | 173,875 | 179,961 |
|   | PF03  | 178,164 | 184,400 |
|   | PF04  | 182,452 | 188,838 |
|   | PF05  | 186,740 | 193,276 |
|   | PF06  | 191,889 | 198,605 |
|   | PF07  | 196,184 | 203,050 |
|   | PF08  | 200,464 | 207,480 |
|   | PF09  | 204,469 | 211,625 |

The following salary scale shall apply to **medical or dental** employees covered by this Collective Employment Agreement.

| <b>Position Title</b>  | <b>Grade</b> | <b>1/07/2024</b> | <b>1/07/2025</b> |
|--|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Teaching Fellows/Professional Practice Fellows<br/>Band 1</b>               | TFPM1 01     | 77,864           | 80,589           |
|  | TFPM1 02     | 83,014           | 85,919           |
|  | TFPM1 03     | 88,310           | 91,401           |
|  | TFPM1 04     | 93,615           | 96,892           |
| <b>Teaching Fellows/Professional Practice Fellows<br/>Band 2</b>               | TFPM2 01     | 95,249           | 98,583           |
|  | TFPM2 02     | 98,780           | 102,237          |
|  | TFPM2 03     | 102,317          | 105,898          |
| <b>Senior Teaching Fellows/Senior Professional Practice Fellows<br/>Band 3</b> | TFPM3 01     | 105,849          | 109,554          |
|  | TFPM3 02     | 109,382          | 113,210          |
|  | TFPM3 03     | 112,919          | 116,871          |
|  | TFPM3 04     | 116,452          | 120,528          |
| <b>Senior Teaching Fellows/Senior Professional Practice Fellows<br/>Band 4</b> | TFPM4 01     | 143,395          | 148,414          |
|  | TFPM4 02     | 148,697          | 153,901          |
|  | TFPM4 03     | 155,764          | 161,216          |

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|   | TFPM4 04   | 162,836 | 168,535 |
|   | TFPM4 05   | 169,902 | 175,849 |
|   | TFPM4 06   | 178,737 | 184,993 |
| <b>Lecturers/Research Fellows</b>                         | LLMD01     | 95,249  | 98,583  |
|   | LLMD02     | 98,780  | 102,237 |
|   | LLMD03     | 102,318 | 105,899 |
|   | LLMD04     | 105,849 | 109,554 |
|   | LLMD05     | 109,383 | 113,211 |
|   | LLMD06     | 112,919 | 116,871 |
|   | LLMD07     | 116,452 | 120,528 |
| <b>Senior Lecturers/Senior Research Fellows</b>           | SLMD01     | 143,397 | 148,416 |
|   | SLMD02     | 148,698 | 153,902 |
|   | SLMD03     | 155,764 | 161,216 |
|   | SLMD04     | 162,836 | 168,535 |
|   | SLMD05     | 169,902 | 175,849 |
|   | Bar SLMD06 | 178,737 | 184,993 |
| <b>SL/SRF above the bar</b>                               | SLRMD01    | 185,807 | 192,310 |
| <b>Associate Professors/Research Associate Professors</b> | APMD01     | 189,341 | 195,968 |
|   | APMD02     | 192,872 | 199,623 |
|   | APMD03     | 196,409 | 203,283 |
|   | APMD04     | 199,942 | 206,940 |
|   | APMD05     | 205,243 | 212,427 |
| <b>Professors/Research Professors</b>                     | PFMD01     | 207,012 | 214,257 |
|   | PFMD02     | 210,544 | 217,913 |
|   | PFMD03     | 214,078 | 221,571 |
|   | PFMD04     | 217,612 | 225,228 |
|   | PFMD05     | 221,146 | 228,886 |
|   | PFMD06     | 224,682 | 232,546 |
|   | PFMD07     | 229,053 | 237,070 |

## b. Progression

- i. A standard progression is a one-step movement on a salary scale.
- ii. Progression, subject to satisfactory performance, applies to:
  - Assistant Research Fellows progress to step 2 through to step 6;
  - Assistant Research Fellows beyond the bar progress to step 8 through to step 10;
  - Teaching Fellows/Professional Practice Fellows within Band 1 and Band 2 progress one step through to the top of the band;\*
  - Lecturers progress to step 2 through to step 7;
  - Research Fellows progress to step 2 through to step 7;
  - Senior Teaching Fellows/Senior Professional Practice Fellows within Band 3 and Band 4 progress one step until the top of the band;\*
  - Scientific Officers progress to step 2 through to step 7;
  - Teacher Education Fellows within TEF1 progress to step 2 and through to step 7.

\*Progression takes effect on 1 February 2023 for Senior PPFs, Senior Teaching Fellows, and Teaching Fellows currently on step TF04.

- iii. For staff appointed on or before 1 September in any year, their first annual progression will apply from 1 February of the very next year whilst for those appointed between 2 September and 31 January, their first annual progression will apply from 1 February of the following year. Progression thereafter will apply annually on 1 February.
- iv. Progression within a salary scale is determined by the employer in accordance with the published policies and applies to:
  - Lecturers and Research Fellows on the lecturer salary scale;
  - Senior Lecturers and Senior Research Fellows on the senior lecturer salary scale;
  - Teacher Education Fellows within the TEF2 salary scale;
  - Senior Lecturers and Senior Research Fellows beyond the salary bar;
  - Associate Professors, Research Associate Professors, Professorial Research Fellows and Clinical Associate Professors on the Associate Professorial salary scale;
  - Professors, Research Professors and Clinical Professors on the Professorial salary scale.

### **c. Promotion**

The following promotions and, where applicable, movement within the ranges shall be determined by the employer based on individual merit including level of achievement, skills, and value to the organisation.

1. Teaching Fellow, Band 1 to Teaching Fellow, Band 2, or Senior Teaching Fellow Band 3, or Senior Teaching Fellow Band 4; and
2. Professional Practice Fellow Band 1 to Professional Practice Fellow Band 2, or Senior Professional Practice Fellow Band 3, or Senior Professional Practice Fellow Band 4; and
3. Teacher Education Fellow (1) to Teacher Education Fellow (2); and
4. Assistant Research Fellow to Assistant Research Fellow beyond the bar, or to Research Fellow, or to Senior Research Fellow, or Senior Research Fellow beyond the bar, or to Research Associate Professor or Research Professor; and
5. Assistant Research Fellow beyond the bar to Research Fellow, or to Research Fellow, or to Senior Research Fellow, or Senior Research Fellow beyond the bar, or to Research Associate Professor or Research Professor; and
6. Postdoctoral Fellow to Research Fellow, or to Research Fellow, or to Senior Research Fellow, or Senior Research Fellow beyond the bar, or to Research Associate Professor or Research Professor; and
7. Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow, or to Senior Research Fellow beyond the bar, or to Research Associate Professor; or to Research Professor; and
8. Senior Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow beyond the bar, or to Research Associate Professor; or to Research Professor; and

9. Senior Research Fellow beyond the bar to Research Associate Professor; or to Research Professor; and
10. Research Associate Professor to Research Professor; and
11. Lecturer to Senior Lecturer; or to Senior Lecturer beyond the bar, or to Associate Professor, or to Professor; and
12. Senior Lecturer to Senior Lecturer beyond the bar, or to Associate Professor, or to Professor; and
13. Senior Lecturer beyond the bar to Associate Professor, or to Professor; and
14. Associate Professor to Professor; and
15. Additional increments within the Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Teacher Education Fellow scales.

d. Pathways and English Language Centre

The following salary scale shall apply to Pathways and English Centre Teachers covered by this Collective Employment Agreement.

| <b>Level</b>    | <b>1/07/2024</b> | <b>1/07/2025</b> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>LP01</b>     | 73,166           | 75,727           |
| <b>LP02</b>     | 76,062           | 78,724           |
| <b>LP03</b>     | 78,958           | 81,722           |
| <b>LP04</b>     | 81,863           | 84,728           |
| <b>LP05</b>     | 84,878           | 87,849           |
| <b>LP06</b>     | 88,516           | 91,614           |
| <b>LP07</b>     | 92,152           | 95,377           |
| <b>LP08</b>     | 94,084           | 97,377           |
| <b>LP09</b>     | 96,753           | 100,139          |
| <b>LP10 Bar</b> | 100,136          | 103,641          |
| <b>LP11</b>     | 102,092          | 105,665          |
| <b>LP12</b>     | 104,760          | 108,427          |
| <b>LP13</b>     | 107,437          | 111,197          |

Progression and Promotion for Pathways and Languages are as outlined in the Pathway and Language Centre Policy for Progression & Promotion.

e. **Joint Clinical Salaries**

1. The employee's salary shall recognise two components, being the University academic component and the HNZ clinical components of the position.

2. Assessment of the University academic component will be based on the employee's placement on the University's medical / dental salary scale. The salary for the purpose of this component will be determined by the employer.

3. Assessment of the HNZ clinical component will be based on the employee's placement in the HNZ's salary scale for Medical Specialists. The salary for the purpose of this component will be determined by the employer after consultation with the HNZ. The calculation of the HNZ clinical component shall be assessed using the same criteria as for a Medical Specialist employed by the HNZ.

4. The total salary shall be reviewed at least annually and as part of any review for the salaries of University academic staff or HNZ Medical Specialists. Any increase resulting from such a review will be reflected in the total salary paid.

5. Movement in salary shall occur as a result of movement in the rates paid for one or both of the components, automatic progression up the scale where applicable or by promotion within the scale applying to one or both components, or by a change in the academic or clinical requirements of the employee after negotiation or a combination of these factors.

**f. Variable Supplementary Payments**

The employer may award to individual members of academic staff of the grade of Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, or Lecturer a non-superable payment additional to the approved salary for reasons of recruitment and retention, or to recognise special administrative responsibilities, or for special achievements in teaching or research.

**g. Te Reo/Tikanga Allowance**

Where employees provide skills in Tikanga Māori, Te Reo Māori in circumstances outside of their job requirements and where such duties are above and beyond the normal requirements of the employee, (for example the community has an expectation that someone from the University will attend an event) the University shall recognise such contributions where appropriate supporting information is provided. This will be by way of agreed financial recognition or in some other agreed manner.

**h. Professional Fees and Registrations**

Professional fees and fees associated with membership of a professional organisation will be paid by the employer where it is agreed such fees are required in order to undertake the duties of the employee's position.

**i. Registration Requirements (Medical and Dental Only)**

Where registration with the Medical or Dental Council of New Zealand is deemed by the employer to be necessary for the position held, continuation of employment will be conditional upon the employee obtaining and maintaining such registration.

**j. Reimbursement of Work-Related Expenses (Medical Dental Only)**

Where the employee incurs the following expenses in the course of employment the cost shall be reimbursed by the University pro rata the proportion of the full-time spent working for the University.

- a. Annual Practising Certificate
- b. A Professional Indemnity Premium
- c. The payment of membership fees for up to two professional bodies and specialist societies that the employer determines are essential to the appointment.

In exceptional circumstances the payment of more than two memberships may be paid.

**k. Reimbursement of Work-Related Expenses (Joint Clinical appointments only)**

a. Where the employee's only income from medical practice is derived from that employee's University employment and the employee incurs the following expenses in the course of employment the cost shall be reimbursed by the University and the HNZ pro rata the proportion of full-time spent working for each:

- Annual Practising Certificate including disciplinary levies
- Medical Defence Assurance Fee
- Specialist Registration Fee (once only)
- College Membership Fee for one specialist college per year provided that membership of the particular college is essential to the employee's employment.

The employer may reimburse the fees for the two specialist colleges if it is essential to the proper performance of an employee's duties to belong to the colleges of two distinct specialties.

- b. If the employee earns other regular income from medical practice (including private practice) and earns more than \$20,000 net per annum from such work the employee shall only be reimbursed by the University and HNZ for 50% of the expenses referred to in (a) above. The employee is to provide the employer with a formal declaration of private earnings at the time of claiming reimbursement of work related expenses.
- c. Should the HNZ require the employee to participate in a roster for out of hours call work then half the cost of the employee's home telephone rental will be reimbursed on an annual basis.

**13. SUPERANNUATION**

- a. You may be eligible to join the Universities' superannuation scheme: UniSaver New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of that Scheme. You can check your eligibility and if appropriate apply at <https://www.unisaver.co.nz/joining/>



- b. The University is a KiwiSaver exempt employer which means we will not enrol you automatically for KiwiSaver when you commence employment. If you wish to join KiwiSaver complete the appropriate KiwiSaver application form [www.kiwisaver.govt.nz](http://www.kiwisaver.govt.nz) and return it to Payroll.
- c. Where the employee is a contributor to the Government Superannuation Fund the University will continue to make contributions to the Fund except where this is discretionary in which event the employer may make contributions. Members of the Fund are bound by the provisions of that Scheme.

**Joint Clinical appointments only:**

- c. Where the employee contributes to the UniSaver New Zealand Scheme and the HNZ has not agreed to fund the employer contribution for the clinical component of the position, the employer's contribution will be based solely on the University component of their salary.

**14. LEAVE**

For the purposes of leave provisions part-time employees working less than full-time or less than five days per week or less than 52 weeks per year receive pro-rata entitlement.

**a. Public Holidays**

The following days shall be observed as public holidays. New Years Day, the day after New Years Day, Waitangi Day, Anzac Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Sovereign's Birthday, Matariki, Labour Day, Anniversary Day (local) or day in lieu, Christmas Day, Boxing Day. The University observes Easter Tuesday in lieu of Anniversary Day in Otago. In the event of a public holiday falling on a Saturday or Sunday, such public holiday shall be observed on the succeeding Monday and in the event of another public holiday falling on such Monday, such other holiday shall be observed on the succeeding Tuesday.

Where a Public Holiday is a day which would otherwise be worked and the employer requires the employee to work, then the employee shall be paid the rate of pay which the employees would have received if they had worked that day, a penalty payment equal to 50% of their normal hourly rate for the hours actually worked plus a whole paid alternative holiday. If staff do not usually work on a public holiday, but do work, they will be entitled to time and a half for the time worked, but not an alternative holiday. These provisions shall not apply to employees who without a request from the employer choose to work on a public holiday.

Full-time staff whose specified hours of work are not Monday to Friday will receive the same number of public holidays as other staff. In the event of a public holiday

falling on a day the full-time staff member does not normally work, the staff member will be entitled to a paid holiday to be taken on any other day agreed between the parties.

**b. Annual Leave**

All employees are entitled to 5 weeks of annual leave in addition to public holidays. This entitlement includes the last working day before Christmas that may be defined as being an annual leave day. Annual leave shall be taken, with the prior approval of the employer, at a time that will not interfere with the proper performance of the employee's duties. If an employee has an accrued annual leave entitlement greater than 10 days on 30 November each year, the employee will take annual leave from the first normal working day following 1 January in the following year for a period sufficient to reduce the carry forward balance to a maximum of 10 days, unless the employer expressly agrees otherwise in writing.

The employee agrees to have annual leave paid in the pay that relates to the period during which the leave is taken unless the employee requests payment for the leave to be made before the holiday is taken.

All employees will submit their leave requests via the staff web kiosk leave approval system.

There will be an annual closedown period between Christmas and New Year each year during which time staff will take annual leave. The anniversary date from which annual leave entitlements are calculated will be 1 December each year. **The closedown does not apply to Joint Clinical Appointments.**

Joint Clinical Staff are entitled to 5.4 weeks of annual leave.

**c. Sick Leave**

- i. Employees, except for those on a fixed-term of 6 months or less, are entitled to Sick Leave on pay as set out in clause 14.c.iii, or Sick Leave without pay may be granted on production of a medical certificate.
- ii. All sick leave is to be computed on working days only.
- iii. Employees will receive 10 days sick leave on appointment and a further 10 days for each 12 months of service after, with a maximum accumulation of 260 days.
- iv. To support people's return to work from parental leave, in addition to the above, any person who becomes a primary carer (or the nominated primary carer in the case of two primary carers) under the University's Parental Leave Policy will be provided with a one-off allocation of 10 days of sick leave. This leave will be available until used.

For existing staff, this leave will be applied automatically once parental leave commences. New staff who meet the primary carer definition will need to contact HR Services for the 10 days to be added.

- v. This leave is inclusive of the provisions of the Holidays Act 2003.
- vi. The employer may require an employee to undergo an examination by a registered medical practitioner of the employer's choice where it is considered that the employee's performance may be impaired by a possible medical condition. Should the employee be found to be unfit to perform their full duties they may be placed on sick leave (with or without pay) until cleared to return to full duties. The cost of the medical examination will be met by the employer.
- vii. If an employee is absent on sick leave for less than a whole day, such leave is to be recorded on an hourly basis in the staff web kiosk in whole hours. Absences of less than two hours do not need to be recorded. Where sick leave is used for medical appointments prior approval must be obtained. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
- viii. The employee should notify absence due to sickness to their supervisor whenever possible within 30 minutes of normal starting time. A medical certificate will be required for all absences in excess of five consecutive days and may be required for absences of shorter periods. If information is received which indicates that the sick leave entitlement is being misused, the employer may take such action as is necessary to clarify the matter.
- ix. When sickness occurs during annual leave the employer will permit the period of sickness to be debited against the sick leave entitlement provided a medical certificate is produced.
- x. In special cases, employees may be allowed to anticipate sick leave becoming due on completion of a further period of service provided that at least five days sick leave is retained for each year of service for which sick leave has been anticipated. All approvals are subject to the proviso that the necessary adjustments to final pay are to be made if employees resign before the next entitlement falls due.
- xi. These sick leave provisions apply equally when the employee is unable to attend work due to their illness and when the employee is required to attend to the ill health of a person dependent on them.
- xii. All employees will submit their leave requests via the staff web kiosk leave approval system.

**d. Parental Leave**

Parental Leave shall be granted in terms of the University's Parental Leave Policy.

**e. Bereavement/Tangihanga Leave**

- i. An employee shall be granted special bereavement/tangihanga leave on full pay to discharge their obligation and/or to pay their respects to a deceased person with whom they have had a close association. Such obligations may exist because of blood or family ties or because of particular cultural requirements such as attendance at all or

part of a tangihanga (or its equivalent). This shall include leave to attend unveilings/hura kohatu, memorial services/kawe mate and maumaharatanga.

- ii. In granting time off therefore, and for how long, the employer must administer these provisions in a culturally sensitive manner taking into account:
  - a) The closeness of the association between the employee and the deceased, which association need not be a blood relationship;
  - b) Whether the employee has to take significant responsibility for any or all of the arrangements to do with the ceremonies resulting from the death;
  - c) The amount of time needed to discharge properly any responsibilities or obligations;
  - d) Reasonable travelling time should be allowed, but for cases involving overseas travel that may not be the full period of travel;
  - e) A decision must be made as quickly as possible so that the employee is given the maximum time possible to make any necessary arrangements. In most cases the necessary approval will be given immediately, but may be given retrospectively where necessary.
- iii. If paid special bereavement/tangihanga leave is not considered to be appropriate, then annual leave or leave without pay may be granted by the employer.
- iv. Following pregnancy loss, the same leave entitlement shall apply as set out in clauses 14.e.i-iii (above).

**f. Leave for Māori Land Court and Waitangi Tribunal Hearings**

Where a staff member is required as a witness, to lend expertise or to present a case on behalf of their iwi, to attend the Māori Land Court, Waitangi Tribunal hearings or claimant negotiations concerning land issues of their iwi, then they shall be entitled, subject to departmental convenience, to paid leave of up to 10 days per year. An application outlining the basis on which this leave is sought is required.

**g. Research and Study Leave (Not applicable to Postdoctoral Fellows)**

Academic staff are eligible to apply for study leave in terms of the University's Research and Study Leave Policy which is promulgated from time to time.

**h. Continuing Medical Education (Joint Clinical Staff Only)**

a. The employer requires all employees to be fully informed and where possible practised in developments within their specialty and profession. To facilitate this each employee will be entitled to paid leave for 10 working days continuing education annually (including attendance at conferences, professional meetings and visits to specialist and research facilities). Leave may be accumulated for up to two years. Where the employee travels overseas and the flight exceeds six hours a maximum of two days travel time will be allowed.

b. The employer shall reimburse an employee's actual and reasonable expenses for approved continuing medical education leave under the following conditions:

i. From the date of appointment, the maximum CME entitlement will be \$16,000 (GST exclusive) per annum (pro-rata for part-time employees),

ii. Individual entitlements will be calculated as follows:

a) Firstly, based upon the clinical full-time equivalency (as determined by the relevant HNZ) multiplied by the maximum CME entitlement (up to a maximum of \$8000 for Canterbury HNZ), plus

b) The University full time equivalency (as agreed by the University) multiplied by \$8000.

c) If these two amounts added together exceed the maximum CME entitlement provided above, the University amount will be reduced accordingly.

iii. The maximum amount which may be accumulated at any one time shall not exceed two years, inclusive of current entitlement.

iv. School of Medicine policy will determine the appropriate usage and approval processes for CME funding.

**i. Locums (Joint Clinical Only)**

a. When the employer and the HNZ considers that the needs of the HNZ require a locum, then the HNZ shall be responsible for the provision of a locum.

b. If locum employment is not feasible and satisfactory alternative arrangements cannot be made then compensation shall be paid to affected employees.

**j. Professional Development Leave (Senior / Teaching Fellows / Professional Practice Fellows only)**

A Senior Teaching/Professional Practice Fellow may be granted professional development leave to enable them to further their professional development and to complete qualifications and to attend courses, conferences and seminars which are considered by the employer to be relevant to their employment.

Provisions for this and other forms of professional development leave are at the discretion of the employer.

**k. Domestic Violence Leave**

a. 10 days will be granted in accordance with the University Domestic Violence Policy to an employee who experiences domestic violence.

b. In order to provide support to employees experiencing domestic violence and to provide a safe work environment to all employees the employer will consider reasonable and practical requests from an employee experiencing domestic violence to changes to work arrangements. These changes may be to hours or pattern of work,

contact details, location of work or duties or any other changes which may improve the safety of the employee and/or their co workers.

**l. Employment Relations Education Leave**

- i. Employees who are union members may be granted Employment Relations Education Leave in accordance with Part 7 of the Employment Relations Act 2000.
- ii. Upon request each year the University will, if practicable, provide information to the Unions to assist them in the calculations of the maximum number of days of Employment Relations Education Leave, required under Section 75 of the Act.
- iii. The maximum number of days of Employment Relations Education Leave that the Unions may allocate in a year to any one member is 5 days, unless the University specifically agrees otherwise.
- iv. A union member proposing to take Employment Relations Education Leave must advise the University not less than 14 days before the first day of such leave:
  - a) That the employee proposes to take that leave; and
  - b) The dates on which the employee proposes to take the leave; and the employment relations education that the employee proposes to undertake during that leave.
- v. The University may refuse to allow a union member to take Employment Relations Education Leave if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the employee taking leave on the dates notified would unreasonably disrupt the employer's business.
- vi. In the event that the current Employment Relations Education Leave entitlements are replaced or removed from legislation, the better of any replacement provisions or Part 7 of the current Employment Relations Act will apply, but not both.
- vii. For courses not covered by the Employment Relations Education Leave provisions of the Employment Relations Act 2000 the employer may approve attendance on a case by case basis. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

**m. Attendance at Registration Boards (Joint Clinical Appointments only)**

The employer shall grant leave subject to HNZ agreement on full pay for the employee to attend formal meetings of registration boards including the Medical Council of New Zealand. Any fees received from attendance shall be reimbursed to the employer unless the employee takes annual leave or leave without pay.

**n. Leave to Attend Meetings of Statutory Boards (Joint Clinical Appointments only)**

The employer shall subject to HNZ agreement grant leave on full pay to the employee for attending meetings of Boards or Committees convened by the Department of Health or the State Services Commission provided that:

- a. The appointment to the Board or Committee is by ministerial appointment.

b. There are no difficulties involved in releasing the employees from their duties including their HNZ duties.

c. Any remuneration received for the period that paid leave was granted shall be paid to the employer unless the employee takes annual leave or leave without pay.

The employee may, subject to normal approval procedures, choose to take Leave without Pay in which case any fees will be retained by the employee.

#### **15. PAE TATA 2030 & MĀORI STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2030**

Both parties recognise the University's commitment to honour and give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as expressed in Vision 2040, Pae Tata 2030 and the Māori Strategic Framework 2030.

We will support and encourage staff to develop an understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and to engage fully in the implementation of our strategic priorities and goals of Pae Tata - the Whakamana i Te Tiriti o Waitangi domain in particular - and the Māori Strategic Framework within the University community. [www.otago.ac.nz/maori/otago/](http://www.otago.ac.nz/maori/otago/)

#### **16. PACIFIC STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK**

Both parties recognise the University's commitment to its obligations to Pacific Peoples in New Zealand and the Pacific region under the Pacific Strategic Framework.

We will support and encourage you to develop an understanding of these documents and engage fully in the implementation of the strategic goals of the Pacific Strategic Framework within the University community.

[https://www.otago.ac.nz/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/211217/the-university-of-otago-pacific-strategic-framework-2022-2030-088124.pdf](https://www.otago.ac.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/211217/the-university-of-otago-pacific-strategic-framework-2022-2030-088124.pdf)

#### **17. ACADEMIC WORKLOAD**

In Departments where it is beneficial to do so, there should be a system of allocating academic workload that is fair, equitable and transparent.

#### **18. SAFETY IN HOURS OF DARKNESS**

Where an employee is required to travel to or from work during the hours of darkness and the employer considers the safety of the employee to be at risk, use of a taxi may be authorised, or other arrangements (excluding monetary payment) made by mutual agreement.

## **19. EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP PROBLEM RESOLUTION PROCESS**

An explanation of the process and services available for resolution of employment relationship problems is set out in Appendix B.

## **20. PERSONAL GRIEVANCE**

A Personal Grievance claim of any employee shall be settled in accordance with the procedures prescribed in Parts 9 and 10 of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

## **21. DISPUTES PROCEDURE**

Disputes concerning the interpretation, application or operation of this agreement shall be settled in accordance with the procedures described in Parts 9 and 10 of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

## **22. VARIATIONS TO AGREEMENT**

The parties to this agreement may agree to vary any or all of its provisions during the term of this agreement subject to the Unions' ratification procedures for any potentially affected employees. Any agreed variation will be recorded in writing and signed by the University, and the Unions.

## **23. RIGHT OF ACCESS**

Any authorised union officer shall, be entitled to enter at all reasonable times upon the workplace and there interview any employee so represented by that union, and to access wages, holiday and time records, but not so as to unreasonably interfere with the employer's business.

## **24. UNION MEETINGS**

- a) Subject to the following clauses the employer shall allow every employee covered by this agreement to attend on ordinary pay up to two meetings (each of a maximum of 2 hours duration) with the relevant union in each year.
- b) The union(s) shall give the employer at least 14 days' notice of the date and time of any meeting to which clause 23 applies.
- c) The union(s) shall make such arrangements with the employer as may be necessary to ensure that the employer's business is maintained during any union meeting, including, where appropriate, an arrangement for sufficient union



members to remain available during the meeting to enable the employer's operation to continue.

- d) Work shall resume as soon as practicable after the meeting, but the employer shall not be obliged to pay any union member for a period greater than two hours in respect of any meeting.
- e) Only union members who actually attend a union meeting shall be entitled to pay in respect of that meeting and to that end the relevant union shall supply the employer with a list of members who attended and shall advise of the time the meeting finished.

## **25. FEE DEDUCTIONS**

At the written request of any employee, the employer shall deduct the relevant union's subscriptions from the employee's salary at a rate advised from time to time by the union, and shall remit such deductions to the respective unions in a manner agreed upon between the employer and the unions.

The remittance of union subscriptions shall be accompanied by a list (in electronic format) of all employees from whom union deductions are made.

## **26. JOB SHARING**

Job-sharing is a voluntary arrangement where (usually) two employees share one job, each working part-time on a regular, ongoing basis. Job sharing is one of a number of flexible work arrangements that can be an effective means of reconciling the competing demands of an employee's work and family demands.

If employees wish to initiate a job-sharing arrangement, they should discuss this with their manager. The manager will consider operational requirements and determine whether to approve the proposed arrangement. The manager should consider practical measure to allow job sharing to occur.

The terms and conditions relating to the job share arrangement will be set out in full and agreed in writing.

## **27. MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORT PROVISIONS (JOINT CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS ONLY)**

The HNZ or the University shall reimburse the actual and reasonable costs incurred in the course of authorised duties responsibilities that involve:

- a. Travelling to and from work when called back to work outside their normal hours of duty;
- b. Travelling to workplaces other than the workplace where the employee is usually employed and

c. Other travel required by the employer as appropriate.

**28. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (JOINT CLINICAL AND MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS ONLY)**

Suitable clean protective clothing shall be made available by the HNZ or the employer as appropriate where the nature of a particular duty or duties would either continuously or intermittently render the employee's personal clothing or uniform liable to excessive soiling or damage or expose the employee's person to injury, infection or excessive discomfort through biological, chemical or physical hazards. Such protective clothing shall remain the property of the HNZ or the employer as appropriate and, as such, shall be laundered or otherwise cleaned free of charge.

**29. PROFESSIONAL MATTERS (JOINT CINICAL APPOINTMENTS ONLY)**

**1. Conduct**

a. The conduct and behaviour of the employee shall be of the appropriate professional standard for a senior employee with responsibilities as detailed in Schedule 1.

b. During the currency of this agreement, the employee shall:

- i. honestly and diligently carry out the duties and responsibilities of the position as set out in the job descriptions attached at Schedule 1 of this agreement;
- ii. carry out and comply with all lawful and reasonable instructions given by the employer or HNZ as appropriate to the duties being performed;
- iii. shall discharge the agreed hours required.
- iv. abide by the standards of behaviour normally expected of a senior employee who is carrying out duties for both the University and the HNZ as laid down in the Code of Conduct (Schedule 7) in the case of the HNZ.
- v. act in accordance with any lawful and reasonable policies determined by the employer. Any instruction, assignments, or directions may be actioned through policies or through any authorised representative of the employer or in respect to the HNZ any authorised representative of the HNZ.

**2. Confidentiality**

a. In addition to professional requirements relating to confidentiality the employee shall meet all statutory obligations prescribed by any Health Sector Code of Practice issued within the terms of Section 46 of the Privacy Act 1993.

b. The employee shall not in any circumstances divulge confidential University or HNZ business to persons not entitled to know.

**30. ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

The provisions of section 161 of the Education 1989 and its' subsequent amendments, relating to academic freedom, shall be observed by the parties.

**31. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall be deemed to come into force on 1 July 2024 and shall continue in force until 30 June 2026.

**32. SIGNATURES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on behalf of the University of Otago

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on behalf of the Tertiary Education Union

## **APPENDIX A: MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE**

### **1. Intent of Provisions**

- a. The parties to the agreement accept:
  - i. that change is necessary and that they have a mutual interest in ensuring an efficient and effective workplace;
  - ii. that all parties to the agreement have an important contribution to make to achieving the necessary changes; and
  - iii. that the employer has the right to manage, organise and make final decisions on the operation and policies of the University.
- b. The parties to this agreement recognise the serious consequences that the loss of employment can have on individual employees and seek to minimise the consequences by means of the following provisions. The principal aim of these provisions will be to place as many surplus staff as possible in alternative positions within the University. All employees who are on parental leave, absent due to illness, study leave, leave without pay or accident compensation are entitled to all of the following provisions.

### **2. Consultation**

- a. The aim of this consultation is to ensure that all parties have an understanding of the objectives of any change before any final decision is taken.
- b. In accordance with the aim of consultation, TEU will be consulted by the employer if the employer has a definite proposal which is likely to result in significant changes to either the organisational structure, staffing or work practices affecting Union members. Should such a proposal arise, the employer will provide TEU with an opportunity to be involved in the consultative process. The consultative process shall include:
  - The employer providing details of the proposal to affected staff and TEU representatives.
  - The employer providing information (subject to commercial confidentiality being protected) so that affected staff and TEU can form a view.
  - Affected staff and TEU being given an opportunity to make submissions.
  - The employer taking due notice of what the affected staff and TEU have to say before taking any final decision within the timeframe required by the employer.
  - It is expected that for research funded permanent positions the consultation period will normally be 2 weeks.

- c. Any options which the affected staff and the TEU consider will achieve the desired changes shall be recommended to the employer at this time. Some options which may be possible recommendations include the following:

i. **Managed Attrition / Voluntary Severance**

Within the context of a process of organisational change the employer may operate policies of managed attrition or voluntary severance with the intention of minimising the number of staff affected by the change.

In the case of voluntary severance:

- The employer will call for volunteers to apply for severance from the pool of employees within the affected work area.
- The employer will actively consider all expressions of interest in voluntary severance, but retains the right to accept or decline due to demonstrated operational requirements.
- Should the number of volunteers exceed that required, the employer will select which employees, if any, will be accepted, using criteria and a process consulted with the TEU.
- Staff accepted for voluntary severance will have their employment terminated in accordance with the redundancy provisions in this agreement.

ii. **Reconfirmation/Redeployment**

- When a surplus staffing situation exists the employer may, following consultation with TEU, either reconfirm the employee in the same or a similar position, or redeploy the employee to a position which is available and for which the employee is suitable.

**(a) Reduction in Hours**

The employer will give due consideration to any approach from affected staff who may wish to reduce hours as a result of a Management of Change process. Any proposed reduction may be considered on a temporary or permanent basis.

In the case of a permanent reduction in hours, the employee will receive a redundancy payment based on the proportion of the reduction.

## **(b) Reconfirmation**

Where reconfirmation takes place the following provisions shall apply:

- (i) Where a position is to be transferred into a new structure and where there is only one employee who is a clear candidate for that position and the criteria below are met, then that employee is to be confirmed in the position.
- (ii) The criteria for reconfirmation will be as follows:
  - The new job description is the same (or nearly the same) as what the employee currently does;
  - The salary for the new position is the same;
  - The new position has terms and conditions of employment including career prospects which are no less favourable; and
  - The location of the new position is the same urban area.
- (iii) Job descriptions (current and proposed) shall be available to those employees who are to be reconfirmed.
- (iv) TEU may propose that an employee be reconfirmed where that employee believes their current job is sufficiently similar to the new job. The employer will have the final right to decide whether or not reconfirmation is appropriate on the basis of the similarity of the jobs.
- (v) In those situations where there is more than one clearly affected candidate, the employer will consult with TEU and the affected staff, and the position may be advertised amongst the affected staff, with appointment made as per normal University appointment procedures.
- (vi) Any proposed reconfirmations will be advised to each affected employee. For those employees who meet the criteria and do not wish to be reconfirmed the only option available will be resignation. No severance payment will be made in these circumstances.

## **(c) Redeployment**

- (i) Following any reconfirmations, if there are suitable vacant positions available, then the employer will notify any affected staff of the existence of the position/s and following an expression of interest will consider appointment of an affected staff member based on their suitability for the position.

- (ii) Available positions are those known at the time of consideration of this option to be currently in existence or approved for, or planned for, in the future.
- (iii) In determining the parameters for redeployment the employer will deal with cases on an individual basis, with a view to placing as many employees as possible by matching individual skills with positions which require similar skills. This exercise may involve individuals undertaking some on-the-job training or attending training courses. Such training needs will be identified prior to the individual being redeployed.
- (iv) Except for staff employed in the research funded category, where an employee accepts redeployment to a new full-time or part-time position at a lower salary in the same location, an equalisation allowance will be paid for a period of 24 months to preserve the salary of the employee at the rate paid in the old position at the time of redeployment. The employee will not be entitled to any other compensation.
- (v) The salary can be preserved by the employee agreeing to one of the following ways:
  - A lump sum to make up for the loss of basic pay for the 24 months immediately following redeployment. The lump sum will not be abated by any subsequent salary increase; or
  - An on-going allowance for the 24 months immediately following redeployment equivalent to the difference between the present salary (including superannuation) and the new salary. The allowance will not be abated by any subsequent salary increase for the new position during the 24 month period; or
  - When employees who have approval to retire within 5 years are appointed to a position carrying a lower salary, such employees will retain their present grade and salary unabated and their salary will be increased in line with any subsequent salary increases. This difference cannot be cashed up.
- (vi) Where a member who contributes to the Government Superannuation Fund is within 5 years of their approved retirement they may elect to continue contributing at the previous higher salary rate and the University will pay the required employer contribution at that higher salary for up to 5 years.

(vii) Any employee who declines an offer of redeployment under the above terms, following their expression of interest, will not be entitled to redundancy compensation at the expiry of their period of notice.

(viii) Within the first six months the employee and the employer may agree that the employee is not suited to the position. Severance will be effective immediately on the agreement being reached and no further notice shall be given nor required. The employee, in these circumstances, shall receive a redundancy payment as per clause 3(d) of this Appendix.

### **3. Surplus Staff**

All affected staff not placed by Reconfirmation or Redeployment as described in 2(ii) above of this Appendix are surplus from the date of notification of disestablishment of the position in writing from the employer.

#### **a. Notice**

The employer will notify TEU of the names, location and positions of affected staff who are surplus due to the disestablishment of their positions where it is known that the employee is covered by the agreement. At the same time the affected employees will be given notice of termination. The minimum period of notice will be that required in Section 3, Termination of Employment, of this Agreement except where it is reduced by agreement between the parties. The employer may, at the employer's sole discretion, cash up any period of notice rather than require it to be worked out. Reduction in notice will not be withheld where a surplus staff member obtains employment outside of the University during this period. In this event, severance payment will be made as per the relevant formula in this agreement.

#### **b. Job Search**

All affected employees from the time of being given notice under 3(a) of this Appendix will be allowed to take reasonable time on full pay to prepare a curriculum vitae, attend counselling with counsellors agreed by the employer, attend job interviews and attend job training. Reimbursement shall be made for reasonable costs incurred in preparation of a curriculum vitae and counselling referred to previously. The costs of job training may also be met but will be decided by the employer on a case by case basis.

#### **c. Options**



Within the period of notice, and in addition to considering any new opportunities for reconfirmation or redeployment which may arise, the employer, affected staff and TEU will consider which of the following options may be appropriate and how they will be applied. The final decision on use of these options rests with the employer. The options are:

i. Retraining

Retraining involves a significant career move to another position in the University and some formal retraining. Salary and training expenses would not normally exceed the amount of the full severance payment. Before retraining commences agreement will be reached on the criteria for any bond conditions, if necessary, and for placement in the University (location, job type, salary range etc) where it is considered that the retraining will result in continuation of employment within the University.

ii. Temporary Position

A temporary position may be established by the employer to provide alternative work for an employee pending an expected suitable vacancy. If the vacancy does not eventuate then the surplus staff provisions will apply.

iii. Leave With Pay

Leave with pay can be agreed to allow the employee to pursue other job options inside or outside the University for an agreed time period. This leave with pay forms part of the severance payment and the portion used whilst on leave with pay will be deducted from any final severance payment. Leave with pay cannot exceed the amount of the full severance payment. The employee may not take up other work during the period on pay except for secondary employment already approved.

iv. Other Options

Other options, or variations to the above options, may be agreed between the employer, the affected employee and TEU.

d. Redundancy

i. At the expiry of the period of notice, if redundancy is necessary, a severance payment will be paid according to the following formula:

| <b>Continuous Service with the University (years)</b> | <b>Payment (weeks)</b> |
|---|------------------------|
| Up to 1   | 6                      |
| 1 year and up to 2                                    | 8                      |
| 2 years and up to 3                                   | 10                     |
| 3 years and up to 4                                   | 14                     |
| 4 years and up to 5                                   | 18                     |
| 5 years and up to 6                                   | 22                     |

| <b>Continuous Service with the University (years)</b> | <b>Payment (weeks)</b> |
|---|------------------------|
| 6 years and up to 7                                   | 24                     |
| 7 years and up to 8                                   | 26                     |
| 8 years and up to 9                                   | 28                     |
| 9 years and up to 10                                  | 30                     |
| 10 years and up to 11                                 | 32                     |
| 11 years and up to 12                                 | 33                     |
| 12 years and up to 13                                 | 34                     |
| 13 years and up to 14                                 | 35                     |
| 14 years and up to 15                                 | 36                     |
| 15 years and up to 16                                 | 37                     |
| 16 years and up to 17                                 | 38                     |
| 17 years and up to 18                                 | 39                     |
| 18 years and up to 19                                 | 40                     |
| 19 years and up to 20                                 | 41                     |
| 20 years and up to 21                                 | 42                     |
| 21 years and up to 22                                 | 43                     |
| 22 years and up to 23                                 | 44                     |
| 23 years or more                                      | 45                     |

- ii. Service for the purpose of determining years of continuous service means unbroken full-time or part-time employment that falls within the coverage of a University Collective Employment Agreement.
- iii. All redundant employees shall be entitled to cash up outstanding holiday pay.
- iv. Periods of approved leave without pay shall not be considered to break a period of service but will be discounted in calculating the number of years of service. Periods of absence without pay for up to five years for the purposes of childcare (which may include parental leave) and parental leave will not be considered to break a period of service but will be discounted in calculating the number of years of service.
- v. In the case of employees on parental leave the calculations shall be based on the salary rate at the time of taking leave.

#### 4. Transfer of Undertakings

I.2.15 Where the employer is proposing a restructuring (as defined by section 69L of the Employment Relations Act 2000) that would, if it occurs, involve the transfer to another employer of the work performed by the employee, the employer will negotiate with the other employer (the transferee) about options that may exist for the employee to transfer employment to the transferee. The negotiations will include discussions on the possible terms of employment the transferee may consider offering to the employee.

I.2.16 Following the application of clause 15, in the event that an affected employee does not transfer to the transferee, the relevant provisions in this Schedule will apply,

provided that, nothing in this Agreement or any other agreement shall require the employer to pay compensation for redundancy to the employee if:

- a) the person or agency acquiring the business being sold or transferred has offered the employee employment in the business being sold or transferred at the same location; and has agreed to treat service with the employer as if it were continuous with that person or agency; and
- b) the conditions of employment being offered to the employee by the person or agency acquiring the business are the same as, or are no less favourable than, the employee's conditions of employment, including the employee's right to bargain collectively and including any service related and redundancy conditions and any conditions relating to superannuation under the employment being terminated; and
- c) the offer of employment by the person or agency acquiring the business is an offer to employ the employee in that business whether in the same capacity as that in which the employee was employed, or in a capacity the employee is willing to accept.

## **APPENDIX B: EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP PROBLEM RESOLUTION PROCESS**

### **1. EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS**

Employment relationship problems include such things as personal grievances, disputes about the interpretation or application of employment agreements, or other workplace issues that may harm the employment relationship, but does not include problems with the fixing of new terms and conditions of employment.

### **2. RAISING THE PROBLEM**

If you think you have a problem in your employment, then you should raise it with your Head of Department or Manager as soon as possible, so we can try and resolve it with you. If for any reason you feel unable to raise it with your Head of Department, you should approach another appropriate manager or an Adviser in Human Resources. In some cases, there is a time limit on when you have to do this – see “Personal Grievances” below.

### **3. REPRESENTATION**

At any stage, you have the right to seek advice and support from your union or a representative. We will work with you and that person to try to resolve the problem. Information may also be sought from the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) Employment Mediation Service at any time.

### **4. MEDIATION SERVICES**

If we are unable to resolve the problem, then either party can contact the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) Employment Mediation Service (a government department) for free assistance. The mediator will try to help us resolve the problem, but won't make a decision as to who is right or wrong unless both parties want this.

### **5. EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS AUTHORITY**

If the problem is still not resolved to your satisfaction, then you can apply to the Employment Relations Authority to have the problem investigated and a determination made. This decision can be appealed, by either party, to the Employment Court and then to the Court of Appeal.

### **6. PERSONAL GRIEVANCES**

If your employment problem is a personal grievance (i.e. unjustified dismissal, unjustifiable disadvantage, discrimination, duress, sexual or racial harassment), for reasons other than sexual harassment, you have 90 days from the time the problem occurred, or became known by the employee, to raise the grievance with the employer.

The timeframe in which to raise a personal grievance due to sexual harassment is 12 months.

You should raise any personal grievance with your Head of Department or Section as above. It is preferable that you put your grievance in writing, but this is not compulsory. You may ask your union or representative to raise the grievance on your behalf.

## **7. UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

Certain types of employment relationship problems may be able to be dealt with through the University of Otago Ethical Behaviour Policy and Procedures, particularly problems involving the behaviour of another member of the University community. This policy is available on the University website (<http://www.otago.ac.nz>) under Human Resources Policies.

## **8. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PROCEDURES**

If you believe you have a grievance based on discrimination or sexual or racial harassment an alternative procedure is available through the Human Rights Commission. However, you cannot refer your grievance to both the Human Rights Commission as a complaint and to the Employment Relations Authority as a personal grievance. You have to choose one option or the other.

## APPENDIX C: TUTOR & DEMONSTRATORS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 1. Employment Category

Tutors or Demonstrators are students who work under the supervision of an academic staff member. Tutors or Demonstrators are employed primarily to teach during the academic year in an assigned number of tutorials or laboratories. They may be required to mark and return assessed work or co-ordinate a group of other tutors or demonstrators. It is expected that most tutors and demonstrators will be appointed at the beginning of the first or second semester, although this may vary.

### 2. Duties

Duties are provided in the Tutor & Demonstrator Role Description.

Departments may vary the role descriptions to suit their needs prior to appointment. Specific duties will be explained as part of the roster or for a particular task. Your duties include carrying out all reasonable instructions the University gives you. Minor changes to your duties can be made by the University, while significant changes can be made only after consultation with you.

### 3. Location

Your duties will usually be carried out on Campus. The location may vary dependent on the teaching or demonstrating requirements and facilities.

### 4. Fixed term

- a. The reasons for your employment being for a fixed term are set out in your letter of offer.
- b. Nothing contained or implied in this agreement should be taken to suggest your employment will continue beyond the end of the fixed term unless the University offers in writing to extend this agreement or to enter into a new agreement.
- c. If you are appointed to a Tutor or Demonstrator, you must advise your supervisor of any reduction in your student EFT, or if you reduce, cease or withdraw from study.

### 5. Hours of work

- a. In each fortnightly pay period during a semester you will be expected to work the minimum hours ("Expected Hours") outlined in your letter of offer, some or all of which will be worked at specified times during the normal hours of work.
- b. You may be asked to work additional hours beyond the minimum specified above.
- c. The hours of work will normally be between 7am and 7pm, Monday to Friday.
- d. In some instances, your normal hours of work may be specified outside of these hours.

### 6. Breaks

You will be entitled to paid rest breaks and unpaid meal breaks based on the number of hours worked. Rest breaks are 10 minutes and meal breaks are 30 minutes. Breaks will be taken at times agreed to by the University and you or when the law says breaks must be taken.

### 7. Pay

You will be paid fortnightly for time worked at the hourly rate specified in your letter of offer on submission of a properly authorised timesheet.

## 9. Salary Scale

Each Tutor and Demonstrator position will be paid at the level that aligns with the requirements for that position. This salary scale is applied as per the University Tutors and Demonstrators Guidelines.

| Steps    | Hourly Rate<br>Effective 1 January<br>2025 | Hourly Rate<br>Effective 1 January<br>2026 |
|----------|--|--|
| TUTDM 01 | 26.33                                      | 27.25                                      |
| TUTDM 02 | 28.40                                      | 29.39                                      |
| TUTDM 03 | 30.47                                      | 31.54                                      |
| TUTDM 04 | 34.80                                      | 36.01                                      |

## 10. Holiday Pay

Due to your employment being for a fixed term of less than 12 months it is not practicable to provide you with paid annual holidays. Instead your holiday pay will be paid with your regular pay at a rate of 8% on top of your gross earnings.

## 11. KiwiSaver

As the University is a KiwiSaver exempt University it will not enrol you automatically. However if you wish to join, please complete the KS2 application form available from the Inland Revenue Department at [www.kiwisaver.govt.nz](http://www.kiwisaver.govt.nz) and return it to HR Payroll who will start the deductions.

## 12. Public Holidays

- a. If you don't work on a public holiday, you will get a paid day off if a public holiday falls on a day that would otherwise be a working day for you.
- b. You will not work on a public holiday unless you are specifically asked to do so. If you do work on a public holiday, you will be paid for the time actually worked at your usual rate of pay plus half that amount again.
- c. If that public holiday falls on a day on which you have usually worked, you will also be provided with a whole paid days leave on an alternative day to be agreed between University and you. If no agreement is reached the University can decide the date of the alternative holiday and provide you with 14 days' notice of that date.

## 13. Sick Leave

- a. Once you have worked for the University for six months, up to 10 days of that sick leave will be paid.
- b. You can take sick leave due to your own illness or injury, or to care for your partner or another dependent person who is sick or injured. You must tell your supervisor if you are going to be on sick leave as soon as you can (before your usual start time, if possible).
- c. The University may require proof of sickness or injury at any time if you take, or have asked for, sick leave. The University will tell you as soon as possible that proof is required. If you have been sick or injured for three or more calendar days in a row — or are taking sick leave that is more than the legal minimum — you must get a medical certificate at your own cost.
- d. If you have been sick or injured for less than three full days in a row and the University requires a medical certificate, the University will pay for you to get a medical certificate or arrange for it to be provided through Student Health services.

#### **14. Bereavement/Tangihanga Leave**

- a. Once you have worked for the University for six months you are entitled to take up to 3 paid days of bereavement leave on each occasion of the death of an immediate family member, e.g. parent, child, spouse or partner, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, or parent-in-law.
- b. You can also take 1 paid day after the death of another person if the University accepts that you have suffered a bereavement.
- c. As soon as you can, you must tell your supervisor of your relationship to the person who has died, and the dates you wish to be away from work. The University will make a decision quickly, so you have as much time as possible to make necessary arrangements.

#### **15. Family violence leave**

- a. Once you have worked for the University for six months you can take up to 10 paid days off a year to deal with the effects of family violence if:
  - You are affected by family violence.
  - a child living with you — no matter how often — is affected by domestic violence.
- b. There is no time limit on when the abuse occurred.
- c. You must tell your supervisor if you are going to take family violence leave as soon as you can (before your usual start time, if possible).

#### **16. Parental leave**

You may become entitled to take parental leave under the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987 during the course of your employment. See

<https://www.employment.govt.nz/leave-and-holidays/parental-leave/eligibility/> for eligibility criteria

#### **17. University Policies**

- a. You are required to comply with the policies of the University of Otago including the University's the Ethical Behaviour Policy, the Code of Student Conduct, the Sexual Misconduct Policy, Smoke- Free Policy, and the Health and Safety Policy. ' You can either view these online at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/staff/policies> or ask your supervisor to provide them.
- b. You must familiarise yourself with these policies and follow them at all times. The University may introduce new policies or procedures, or change or cancel existing ones, but must give reasonable notice of any changes. If you don't follow the policies and procedures, the University might take disciplinary action.

#### **18. Pae Tata 2030 & Māori Strategic Framework 2030**

- a. Both parties recognise the University's commitment to to honour and give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as expressed in Vision 2040, Pae Tata 2030 and the Māori Strategic Framework 2030.
- b. We will support and encourage staff to develop an understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and to engage fully in the implementation of our strategic priorities and goals of Pae Tata - the Whakamana i Te Tiriti o Waitangi domain in particular - and the Māori Strategic Framework within the University community. [www.otago.ac.nz/maori/otago/](http://www.otago.ac.nz/maori/otago/)

#### **19. Pacific Strategic Framework**

- a. Both parties recognise the University's commitment to its obligations to Pacific Peoples in New Zealand and the Pacific region under the Pacific Strategic Framework.



- b. We will support and encourage you to develop an understanding of these documents and engage fully in the implementation of the strategic goals of the Pacific Strategic Framework within the University community.  
[https://www.otago.ac.nz/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/211217/the-university-of-otago-pacific-strategic-framework-2022-2030-088124.pdf](https://www.otago.ac.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0014/211217/the-university-of-otago-pacific-strategic-framework-2022-2030-088124.pdf)

## **20. Conflict of interest**

- a. You agree that you have read the Conflicts of Interest Policy at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/staff/policies/policy-collection/conflicts-of-interest-policy> and disclosed all potential conflicts of interest of which you are aware.
- b. If after accepting the offer of employment you become aware of any potential conflict between your interests and the University's business, or an issue with the potential to affect your work performance, you must immediately tell the University. You and the University will discuss the issue and work out together whether it is a real conflict of interest.
- c. Should you obtain additional employment during the term of this agreement (whether or not it is within the University) you are required to advise your supervisor to ensure that potential conflicts are assessed and managed appropriately.

## **21. Confidentiality**

During the term of employment and at all times thereafter you must maintain the confidentiality of the University's business including research information, student and staff information and all other information of a commercially sensitive nature. You must not make use of any information or documents to which you have access during your employment at any time except on behalf of the University.

## **22. Health & safety**

- a. Both you and the University must meet obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act. The University's obligations include:
  - providing and maintaining a safe working environment for employees and others in the workplace
  - providing and maintaining facilities for the welfare of employees while at work
  - providing all necessary training and instructions to employees
  - making sure machinery and equipment is safe
  - making sure working arrangements are not hazardous
  - providing procedures to deal with work emergencies
  - making sure employee engagement and participation processes in relation to health and safety are in place.
  - consulting and cooperating with other businesses operating in the same workplace(s) to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- b. You must follow the University's health and safety policies, rules and procedures. You will take reasonable care to look after your own health and safety at work, your fitness for work, and the health and safety of others. Examples of how you can take reasonable care include:
  - following all reasonable health and safety rules and instructions
  - participating in health and safety discussions
  - exercising your right to refuse to do unsafe work
  - taking reasonable care that your actions (or inactions) do not cause harm, or risk of harm, to yourself or others

- not reporting for duty under the influence of alcohol or drugs that impair your performance or fitness for work
  - wear all necessary personal protective equipment and clothing.
- c. You must report any potential risks, incidents and near misses so the University can investigate, and eliminate or minimise harm or risk of harm.
  - d. Failure to follow reasonable health and safety rules may be considered serious misconduct.

### **23. Internet & Social media use**

- a. You will have internet access as part of your job. That access must not be used to access or distribute material that could reasonably be considered offensive, illegal, or contrary to the University's policies or best interests.
- b. Any business social media or email accounts, and associated followers or contacts, are the University's property.
- c. A reasonable level of personal internet use at work is acceptable if it does not affect your ability to do your job.

### **24. Termination**

Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving two weeks' notice in writing to the other, except that the University can terminate this agreement without notice for serious misconduct.

### **25. Serious Misconduct**

Serious misconduct is behaviour that fundamentally compromises the University's trust and confidence in you. Serious misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- theft
- sexual or other assault
- harassment of a work colleague, resident, or visitor
- use of illegal drugs at work
- repeated failure to follow a reasonable instruction
- deliberate destruction of the University's property
- actions that seriously damage the University's reputation
- serious breach of the University's policies and procedures.

### **26. Abandonment of Employment**

If you are absent from work for more than three days without written permission from your supervisor, and reasonable efforts to contact you have been unsuccessful you may be considered to have abandoned your employment in which case this Agreement will terminate without notice.

### **27. Medical incapacity**

- a. The University may ask you to be examined by a registered medical practitioner, at the University's cost if the University has reasonable grounds to believe you are unwell and not able to carry out your duties.
- b. If the University considers you may be unable to work due to illness, then information may be required from a medical practitioner to determine:
  - if you are medically fit perform your duties safely and effectively; and if not .
  - the likelihood of you being able to return to work within a reasonable timeframe.
- c. You are entitled to refuse a medical examination or allow the relevant results to be shared with the University. If this happens, the University will base any decision as to whether you

are well enough to continue in your role on the information that is reasonably available to it at the time.

- d. If the University decides on reasonable grounds following consultation with you that you are no longer able to carry out your duties safely for medical reasons and are unlikely to recover within a reasonable time frame having regard to your health and the University's ability to hold your position open, your employment may be terminated for medical incapacity on such terms as the University considers reasonable in the circumstances at the time.

## **28. Force Majeure**

If a natural disaster, workplace fire, flood or other similar major event beyond the University's control makes it impossible for your employment to continue, your role will end with notice. Where practicable, the University will consult with you before exercising this clause.

## **29. Ending employment**

You must immediately return any of the University's property and information on or before your final day of employment. This includes, but is not limited to, any hard and soft copy files, confidential information, IT devices, access cards, keys, vehicles and workplace equipment, e.g. tools or PPE. You must also stop using passwords and codes for the University's systems.

## **30. Employment Relationship Problems**

The University of Otago plain language explanation of the employment relationship resolution process is attached (Appendix B) and forms part of this employment agreement. It is also available online at [www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources](http://www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources)

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