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Principles to Guide the Development of NZMSA Position Statements and Policies

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PURPOSE

The principles in this document are intended to provide clarity and consistency in the development of policy and position statements within the New Zealand Medical Students' Association (NZMSA). They highlight the key principles to be considered when reviewing or creating policy, position statements, principles or procedures.

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PRINCIPLES

1. Policies and position statements should assist the NZMSA to effectively represent all medical students in New Zealand on key policy, budgetary and political issues.
2. NZMSA will endeavour to provide timely and accurate position statements and policies on key issues affecting medical students where and when this is possible within the timeframes given by other agencies such as Health Workforce NZ and the Medical Council of NZ.
3. Policies and position statements on key issues will be developed with consideration of stakeholder input where applicable, most notably that of medical students but also other relevant bodies.
4. NZMSA will ensure that all policy and position statements comply with current legislation, evidence-based best practice and the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.
5. All policies and position statements will be reviewed regularly. Expiry dates and dates for renewal/update will be added to all new policies and position statements.
6. NZMSA position statements on key issues will be made available on the NZMSA website.