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**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO TE WHARE WĀNANGA O WAIKATO

## GENERAL STAFF COLLECTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN The Vice-Chancellor, University of Waikato (the “Employer”)  
AND The Tertiary Education Union (TEU) and the Public Service Association (PSA).

### SECTION A: GENERAL

**A.1** This agreement is made pursuant to the Employment Relations Act 2000.

### SECTION B: COVERAGE OF THE AGREEMENT

- B.1** This Agreement will apply to those employees who at the date of this Agreement’s commencement are employed in the University in Levels 1-7 in the following categories: academic and student support (counselling), administrative/secretarial/clerical; computing; library; technical; research assistants; nursing; general services and who are members of TEU or PSA or become members of TEU or PSA.
- B.2** During the term of this Agreement, new employees, except casual employees, who are employed in the categories listed in Clause B.1, and covered by Clause C.1, will be offered the same terms and conditions as this agreement and, if they join the TEU or PSA will be covered by this Agreement.

### SECTION C: TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

#### C.1 CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEE

- |            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| Full-time  | - | Employees working on a continuing basis for the full hours defined in the Agreement.  |
| Part-time  | - | Employees working on a continuing basis but for less than the full hours defined in the Agreement. Part-time employees receive the entitlements of the Agreement on a pro-rata basis.   |
| Casual     | - | Employees employed on an hourly, daily or weekly basis without any commitment from either party as to an ongoing employment relationship.   |
| Fixed Term | - | Employees engaged on a full-time or part-time basis for a specified limited term, (for example, for a specified project or to replace an employee who is on leave) without any commitment from either party as to an ongoing employment relationship. |

#### C.2 ABANDONMENT OF EMPLOYMENT

When an employee is absent from work for a continuous period of three working days without notification to the employer, the employee will be deemed to have abandoned employment. Where an employee was unable through no fault of that employee to notify the employer, employment will not be deemed to have been abandoned.

#### C.3 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

- C.3.1** For employees working on a continuing basis, notice of termination will be one month by either party but this may be reduced by mutual agreement.

For fixed term employees, notice will be deemed to have been given at the time a finishing date is agreed. For fixed term employees who wish to terminate their employment before the end of the agreed fixed term, notice of termination will be one month but this may be reduced by mutual agreement.

If the required period of notice is not given, then salary in lieu of notice will be paid by the employer or forfeited by the employee as the case may be. This will not prevent the employer from summarily dismissing an employee for misconduct.

**C.3.2** An employee may be required by the employer to relinquish employment based on the certificates of two medical practitioners nominated by the employer. The employer will normally give the employee not less than three months notice provided that a lesser period may apply by mutual agreement.

**C.3.3** Each employee upon termination will on request be provided, within a reasonable period, with a certificate of service.

#### **C.4 REDUNDANCY**

**C.4.1** Where a review or restructuring has the potential to affect the job security of an employee covered by this agreement, the employer will enter into a process of consultation with the affected employee(s) and her/his representative(s) prior to any final decisions being made. The purpose of such consultation is to allow the parties sufficient opportunity to ensure all relevant information is being considered when the employer is making the final decision and to investigate options which would prevent any loss of employment eg. the non-replacement of staff through attrition; voluntary redundancy; voluntary redeployment; voluntary reduced hours and/or job sharing.

**C.4.2** In the case of a surplus staffing situation, the employer will advise the employee(s) affected in writing not less than three months prior to the date by which the surplus staff are to be discharged. The three-month period is inclusive of the regular period of notice in clause C.3, and may be varied by agreement between the employer and employee concerned. The period of notice for a fixed-term employee will be no greater than the unexpired portion of the term.

**C.4.3** The employer will consult and explore options with the employee affected and his/her representative. Options to be explored include redeployment and retraining. Where reasonable efforts to resolve the surplus staffing situation through these options prove unsuccessful, redundancy provisions may be invoked as a last resort. Alternatively, the employee(s) affected may apply for redundancy without exploration of these options.

**C.4.4** Employees who have been given notice of redundancy will, within the period of notice, be given reasonable time, on full pay, to make arrangements to seek new employment. These arrangements may include, for example, help in the preparation of a CV, attendance at job interviews, and counselling.

##### **C.4.5 Redeployment**

An employee may be redeployed to a similar position within the University provided the skills and abilities required are very nearly the same.

The conditions under which employees may be redeployed to alternative duties within the University are as follows:

- (i) Employees may be redeployed to a position at the same, higher or lower salary;
- (ii) Where the new position is at a lower salary, an equalisation allowance will be paid for a period of not less than one year to preserve the salary of the employee in the old position at the time of redeployment.

- (iii) The equalisation allowance will be paid for at least one year as an on-going allowance equivalent to the difference between the present salary and the new salary. The allowance will be abated by any salary increase in the new position during this period.
- (iv) Employees who are offered a position in the University which is directly comparable to their existing position, and who decline appointment, will not be eligible for payments under clause C.4.9.

#### **C.4.6 Retraining**

Where a staff member, available for redeployment, is not immediately suitable for a particular vacant position and the skills gap can be bridged by a reasonable period of training, the University will arrange and resource the training within budgetary constraints.

#### **C.4.7 Enhanced Retirement**

This option is an enhancement to the standard retirement provision. It provides for an employee to receive an amount not less than the equivalent of paid severance.

#### **C.4.8 Voluntary Redundancy**

**C.4.8.1** If a surplus staffing situation is possible and the employer has entered into the consultative process described in clause C.4.1, an employee may apply to terminate their employment through voluntary redundancy.

**C.4.8.2** If a surplus staffing situation has been declared and notice given as described in clause C.4.2, an employee may apply to terminate their employment through redundancy without the exploration of alternative options.

**C.4.8.3** Applications will be considered on a case by case basis. The employer reserves the right to decline an application on the basis of operational needs and/or when the specific skills and competencies of the applicant need to be retained within the University.

**C.4.8.3** Where an application for voluntary redundancy under clause C.4.8.1 is approved, the normal notice requirements specified in clause C.3 will apply.

**C.4.8.4** Where an application for redundancy without the exploration of other options under clause C.4.8.2 is approved, the period of notice will be determined by the employer on the basis of operational needs and taking into account, as far as possible, the wishes of the employee.

**C.4.8.5** Where an application for voluntary redundancy or redundancy without the exploration of other options is approved, the employee concerned will:

- receive compensation as specified in C.4.9; and
- be ineligible for consideration for re-employment within the University for a period of not less than three months following the date of termination.

#### **C.4.9 Redundancy**

Where an employee is declared redundant, the employer will pay to the employee financial compensation based on continuous service with the University as follows: six weeks taxable salary based on ordinary pay for service up to two years and one week taxable salary based on ordinary pay for each subsequent six months of service or part thereof, with a maximum payment of 40 weeks ordinary pay.

Any payment to a fixed-term employee (where a position ceases to exist) under this clause will be no greater than the salary that would be due over the unexpired portion of the term.

#### **C.4.10 Employee Protection Provision**

- C.4.10.1** In any case of restructuring, as defined in the Employment Relations Amendment Act (No 2) 2004, i.e. where the business (or part of it) is sold or transferred or contracted out to another person, the employer will notify the affected employees and their representative(s) that restructuring is a possibility as soon as is practicable, subject to requirements to protect commercially sensitive information. The employer will enter into a process of consultation with affected employees and their representative(s) prior to any final decisions being made.
- C.4.10.2** In the course of negotiating a sale and purchase agreement or a transfer agreement or a contract for services the employer will:
- endeavour to obtain employment for the affected employees (if practicable) with the new employer; and
  - endeavour to obtain such employment on substantially the same terms and conditions of employment applying to the employee.
- C.4.10.3** The employer will subsequently advise the affected employees as to whether employment opportunities exist with the new employer and, if so, the nature of those opportunities.
- C.4.10.4** Where employment opportunities exist the employer will advise the affected employees of their right to accept or decline to transfer to the new employer.
- C.4.10.5** If an affected employee chooses to transfer to the new employer he/she will not be deemed to be redundant for the purposes of Section C.4.
- C.4.10.6** If an affected employee chooses not to transfer to the new employer where the conditions of employment offered are the same or not inconsistent with the employee's existing terms of employment the notice provisions of clause C.3.1 will apply. Clauses C.4.1 – C.4.9 will not apply with the exception of clause C.4.5 (redeployment).
- C.4.10.7** If there are no employment opportunities with the new employer, an employee will be deemed to be redundant (subject to redeployment opportunities as contained in C.4.5) and clauses C.4.2, C.4.3, C.4.4 and C.4.9 will apply.

#### **C.5 SUPERANNUATION**

University employees may belong to the New Zealand Universities Superannuation Scheme, in accordance with the provisions of that scheme.

Where the employee is a contributor to the Government Superannuation Fund the University will continue to make contributions to the Fund. Members of the fund are bound by the provisions of that scheme.

### **SECTION D: HOURS OF WORK**

#### **D.1 HOURS OF WORK**

- D.1.1** Thirty-seven and a half hours will constitute an ordinary full-time week's work, except for trades-related employees for whom forty hours will constitute a full-time weeks work. The ordinary hours of work will be worked between 7.00 am and 9.00 pm Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Saturday, normally on five consecutive days of 7½ hours or in the case of trades-related staff 8 hours - except that the hours may be varied within a 37½ or 40 hour week with the mutual agreement of the employer and employee concerned. No more than 10 hours will be worked on any one day without payment of overtime. Normally a minimum break of nine hours will be provided between periods of work.

- D.1.2** In exceptional circumstances, where operational needs have been identified and the provisions of clause H.4 taken into account, the regular hours of work for employees appointed after 23/12/96, may include 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Sunday. For such employees the rates described in Clause D.3 will apply.
- D.1.3** As far as possible the hours of work will be continuous except for an unpaid meal break of not less than thirty minutes each day nor, except by mutual agreement between the employer and the employee, more than one hour.
- D.1.4** In addition, employees will be granted a paid rest period of 10 minutes in each period of four hours worked.
- D.1.5** Flexitime may operate by mutual agreement between the employer and the individual employee concerned, within the ordinary hours of work specified within this Agreement.
- D.1.6** All employees will have regular stated hours. The employer will respect the rights of those employees who do not wish to vary their days, hours of work, or start/finish times. However, these may be varied with the agreement of the employee(s) directly affected by the variation and will be confirmed in writing. In special circumstances an employee may be required to vary their starting and/or finishing times temporarily.

## **D.2 OVERTIME**

- D.2.1** These provisions apply to all employees who are employed on a salary of less than the maximum of Level 4 of the salary scale per annum (inclusive of any higher duties allowances) and who, with the prior authorisation of the employer, work in excess of 37.5 hours a week, or in the case of trades-related employees, in excess of 40 hours per week.
- D.2.2** Employees will be compensated for authorised overtime by one of the following options which must be specified by the employer when the overtime is authorised:
- (a) time off in lieu of one hour off for one hour worked; or
  - (b) the payment of overtime hours at a rate of T0.5 per hour additional to the employee's normal hourly rate of pay; or
  - (c) the payment of an allowance to be agreed between the employer and the employee where the employee is regularly required to work hours in excess of 40 hours per week.

No employee will be required to work overtime on a time-in-lieu basis where the employee already has time-in-lieu to be taken in excess of 5 days of ordinary time.

- D.2.3** Where possible, employees will be given 48 hours notice of the need for overtime to be worked.
- D.2.4** Employees employed on a salary at the maximum of Level 4 of the salary scale or above may be granted time off in lieu of one hour off for one hour worked for time worked in excess of 40 hours per week.

## **D.3 SATURDAY/SUNDAY RATES**

Employees working on a Sunday or after 5.00 pm on a Saturday will be paid a rate of T0.5 per hour additional to their normal hourly rate. Where an employee is eligible for overtime payment for work on a Saturday or Sunday the above rate is additional.

## D.4 CALL BACKS

- D.4.1** A call back is where an employee is required by the employer to attend the University, after the employee has completed his/her ordinary hours of work, and has left the place of employment, or is called back before the normal starting time and does not continue working until such normal starting time. The employee will either be paid overtime or receive time off in lieu for any callback worked.
- D.4.2** For the purposes of sub-clause D.4.1, any overtime paid to the employee or any time off in lieu thereof will be calculated as a minimum of three hours.
- D.4.3** Where an employee is subsequently called back to the University after an earlier call back and the cumulative period of these call backs is less than or equal to three hours, then the employee will only receive the minimum payment specified in sub-clause D.4.2.
- D.4.4** Where an employee receives a call back pursuant to this clause, and uses his/her own vehicle, a transport allowance will be paid in accordance with clause F.6. If the call back is scheduled, the employee will only receive the transport allowance if there is no public transport available to the employee and the employee is required to use his/her own vehicle.

## D.5 NIGHT RATES

Employees working outside the ordinary hours specified in clause D.1 will be paid a rate of T0.5 per hour additional to their normal hourly rate except where Saturday/Sunday rates apply.

Where overtime is applicable, the above rate is additional.

## D.6 COMPUTATION OF HOURLY RATE

For the purpose of this section, the employee's hourly rate of pay will be the employee's annual salary divided by 1955.36 in the case of employees who work a thirty seven and a half hour week and 2085.71 in the case of employees who work a forty hour week.

## SECTION E: REMUNERATION

### E.1 SALARY SCALE

	01.10.2013		01.10.2014		01.09.2015	
<b>Level 7</b> <i>Points 490 – 520</i>	83996	96140	85088	97390	86364	98851
<b>Level 6</b> <i>Points 431 – 489</i>	70501	82984	71418	84063	72489	85324
<b>Level 5</b> <i>Points 370 – 430</i>	60024	69828	60804	70736	61716	71797
<b>Level 4</b> <i>Points 305 – 369</i>	50447	60737	51103	61527	51870	62450
<b>Level 3</b> <i>Points 235 – 304</i>	41122	52459	41657	53141	42282	53938
<b>Level 2</b> <i>Points 180 – 234</i>	35389	45462	36175	46053	36717	46744

<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	35386	36174	36716
	<b>Step 3</b>	33936	34377	34893
	<b>Step 2</b>	32522	32945	33439
	<b>Step 1</b>	31109	31513	31986

- (i) New positions will be advertised with a provisional salary range and evaluated as soon as possible thereafter. The job evaluation level, if different, will be applied from the date of appointment.
- (ii) Job evaluation will normally be applied to positions which are expected to last more than 18 months. For positions of 18 months or less the appropriate salary level will be determined with due regard to internal comparison with other similar positions.
- (iii) A position may be re-evaluated in circumstances where substantial changes have occurred. A request for re-evaluation may be made by the manager or the employee through the manager.
- (iv) When job evaluation results in a position being placed in a different salary level, the employee's current salary will not be reduced. Where the current salary is below the minimum for the new level, the employee's salary will be raised to at least the new minimum, normally from the date that the regrading takes effect. Where the increase is substantial and cannot be paid immediately the employer agrees to raise the salary to at least the new minimum within two years.

## **E.2. CRITERIA FOR PLACEMENT AND MOVEMENT IN SALARY SCALES FOR STAFF IN ALL GROUPS**

### **E.2.1 Salary on appointment**

Salaries will be set at a point within a level, having regard to:

- (i) Relevant work experience in previous or current employment
- (ii) Relevant educational or other qualification
- (iii) Ease or difficulty of recruitment and/or retention, having regard to the specified skills and the level of skills required.

### **E.2.2 Annual Review**

All employees' salaries will be reviewed annually. This does not preclude an individual review in special circumstances.

In considering advancement within the ranges of rates, the criteria to be used are:

- (i) Individual high level of achievement, increased skills and value to the organisation, including increased on the job experience.
- (ii) Recruitment and retention experience.
- (iii) Job content including scope and complexity.

**E.2.3** Advancement will be by annual increment, subject to satisfactory performance, within Level 1.

**E.2.4** Movement between levels is by position regrading on the basis of job evaluation.

## **SECTION F: ALLOWANCES**

### **F.1 SPECIAL DUTIES**

**F.1.1** An employee who is required by the employer, for a period of at least 10 consecutive working days, to undertake special responsibilities or to temporarily carry out higher duties, will be paid an allowance or a one-off taxable bonus appropriate to the special or increased responsibilities. Ideally, such payment is to be agreed with the employee in advance. Arrangements may, in some cases, only apply to a proportion of the duties performed by a higher salaried employee. The allowance or one-off taxable bonus payment will apply for the entire period for which the special or increased responsibilities are undertaken.

**F.1.2** The special duties allowance or bonus will be calculated at not less than 7% of the salary of the individual acting in the higher position proportionate to the extent of the duties performed.

**F.1.3** When an employee is promoted to a position that he/she has previously undertaken the full duties and responsibilities of and paid a higher duties allowance or bonus for, then the appointment to that position may be backdated to the date that the special duties were taken up.

## **F.2 MEAL ALLOWANCE**

An employee who has been directed to work not less than two hours' overtime after a break of at least half an hour and who has had to buy a meal which they would not otherwise have bought, will be paid a meal allowance of \$13.95 (\$14.48 (effective 1 October 2014; \$14.70 effective 1 September 2015).

## **F.3 MORNING, LUNCH, AND AFTERNOON TEA**

All employees are to receive free tea, coffee, milk and sugar for morning, lunch and afternoon tea breaks.

## **F.4 TRAVELLING ON UNIVERSITY BUSINESS IN NEW ZEALAND**

(This clause will not apply to staff undertaking field work.)

**F.4.1** When an employee is required to travel from their normal place of work, the employer will meet approved and reasonable expenses on production of receipts in accordance with the University's Travel Policy as promulgated from time to time.

**F.4.2** Employees staying privately may claim up to the following rates for meals and accommodation:  
\$73.23 (\$75.98 effective 1 October 2014; (\$77.12 effective 1 September 2015) for each 24 hour period;  
\$32.08 (\$34.08 effective 1 October 2014; (\$34.59 effective 1 September 2015) for any additional period of less than 24 hours.

## **F.5 FIELD WORK**

**F.5.1** For the purpose of this Agreement, field work will mean:

- (a) A day field trip - which does not necessitate the employee being away from their place of residence overnight;
- (b) A field trip - which necessitates the employee being away from their place of residence for one night or more, up to 20 consecutive nights;
- (c) An expedition - which necessitates the employee being away from their place of residence for more than 20 consecutive nights.

**F.5.2** An employee has the right to object to undertaking field trips and expeditions as defined in F.5.1 of this clause on reasonable grounds. The employer undertakes to adequately consider an employee's reasonable objection to field trips and expeditions and wherever possible to give reasonable notice of the field trip or expedition.

**F.5.3** An employee who undertakes field work of any kind covered by this clause will be provided by the employer with equipment and special clothing deemed by the employer to be necessary for the field work, and such equipment or special clothing will remain the property of the employer. In lieu of the foregoing, an employee may be paid a sum agreed upon by the employer and the employee as partial reimbursement of the cost of provision by the employee of such equipment or special clothing, which will remain the property of the employee.

**F.5.4** It will be the duty of the employer to take all reasonable steps to ensure that all equipment and clothing supplied at any time during field work is in a safe working condition, and that where necessary the employee is given adequate instruction in its proper use.

- F.5.5** An employee engaged on a field trip or expedition will be provided with suitable food and transport or will be reimbursed the actual reasonable costs thereof. An employee engaged on a field trip will be entitled to accommodation of a reasonable standard appropriate to the circumstances. Where necessary, an employee undertaking a field trip or expedition may be given an advance against expenses.
- F.5.6** An employee engaged on a day trip will be entitled to time-off, in lieu of overtime, on the basis of one hour for each hour of overtime worked.
- F.5.7** An employee engaged on a field trip will be entitled to one day's time off in respect of each day worked, not being a normal working day for the employee, to be taken at a time mutually convenient to the employee and the employer.
- F.5.8** An employee engaged on an expedition will not be entitled to overtime or time-off in lieu.
- F.5.9** An employee engaged on a field trip or an expedition will be paid an incidentals allowance at the rate of \$8.29 per day (\$8.40 effective 1 October 2014; \$8.53 effective 1 September 2015).
- F.5.10** The terms and conditions applicable to expeditions will be determined in each case prior to the commencement of the expedition. It is recognised by the parties that each expedition is to be treated on its merits as a separate case.

## **F.6 TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE**

- F.6.1** A transport allowance at the rates specified below is payable to shift and rostered staff, subject to the following conditions:
- (a) an allowance is payable only to employees who are required to travel more than two kilometres from their residence to the place in which they are employed.
  - (b) an allowance is payable only to employees who are required to travel to and from work during the times when public transport which is available to staff working between 7.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., Monday to Friday has not begun, or has ceased to operate.

### **Rates:**

**Shortest distance between employee's home and place of employment (one way)**

**Allowance payable for each return trip**

	\$ 01.10.13	\$ 01.10.14	\$ 01.09.15
Up to and including 2 km	Nil	Nil	Nil
2 km - 4 km	1.56	1.58	1.60
4 km - 6 km	2.26	2.29	2.32
6 km - 8 km	3.07	3.11	3.16
8 km - 10 km	3.75	3.79	3.85
10 km - 12 km	4.56	4.62	4.69
12 km - 14 km	5.28	5.35	5.43
14 km - 16 km	6.02	6.10	6.19
16 km and over	6.42	6.50	6.60

### **General conditions:**

- F.6.2** No allowance is payable when public transport would enable the employee to arrive at work within 30 minutes before the time they are required to commence duty and when public transport is safely available within 30 minutes after the time they cease duty.
- F.6.3** Where the allowance is approved, it is for a return trip although public transport may be available when the employee is required to commence duty but not when they cease, or vice

versa.

## **F.7 TRANSPORT IN HOURS OF DARKNESS**

Where an employee living less than two kilometres from the University is required to travel to or from work during the hours of darkness and the employer considers the safety of the employee warrants use of a taxi, this may be authorised.

## **F.8 MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES**

A motor vehicle allowance will normally only be paid for short local trips, where the hire of a rental car would be clearly inappropriate. Where the use of a private vehicle for official business has been approved, the employee will be paid a vehicle allowance of 77 cents per kilometre except where the nominal cost of a rental car or the equivalent air fare would have been less (at current rates available to the employer and promulgated annually). Reimbursement will then be at the nominal rental car rate plus a fuel consumption allowance per km travelled or at the equivalent air fare, whichever is the lower. The fuel consumption allowance rate will be calculated annually based on current market rates.

## **F.9 STANDBY ALLOWANCE**

Employees who are rostered on standby for call back will be paid a per diem allowance of \$16.27(\$16.89 effective 1 October 2014; (\$17.14 effective 1 September 2015).

## **SECTION G: HOLIDAYS AND LEAVE**

### **G.1 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**G.1.1** The following days will be observed as public holidays in accordance with the provision of the Holidays Act 2003:

Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, 2 January, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Birthday of the reigning Sovereign, Labour Day and Anniversary Day.

**G.1.2** If an employee is required by the employer to work on any part of a public holiday, the work will be paid for at the rate of T0.5 in addition to the employee's relevant daily pay. In addition, if the public holiday would otherwise be an ordinary working day for the employee, the employee will be entitled to an alternative day off on pay, to be taken on a date agreed between the employer and employee. If agreement cannot be reached the provisions of the Act will apply.

The provisions of this clause will not apply to employees who, without a request from the employer, choose to work on a public holiday.

### **G.2 HOLIDAYS FALLING DURING LEAVE OR TIME OFF**

**G.2.1** Leave on pay - Where a public holiday or a University holiday falls during a period of annual leave, sick leave on pay or special leave on pay, an employee is entitled to that holiday which is not to be debited against such leave. This provision does not apply to a holiday falling during annual or retiring leave after the employee has ceased work prior to leaving the University, unless the employee has worked at any time during the fortnight ending the day on which the holiday is observed.

**G.2.2** Leave without pay - An employee will not be entitled to payment for a recognised holiday falling during a period of leave without pay, unless the employee has worked at any time during the fortnight ending on the day the holiday is observed.

### **G.3 ANNUAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT**

**G.3.1** Each employee will be entitled to annual leave of four weeks, in accordance with the Holidays Act 2003 and amendments.

- G.3.2** Each employee will be entitled to an additional weeks annual leave to be taken on days determined by the employer. Normally the five days concerned are the Tuesday after Easter Monday, the last day on which the University is open before Christmas Day and the first three days after Boxing Day which are not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.
- G.3.3** Employees' wishes concerning the timing of leave will be met as far as possible. However, where this is not convenient to the employer, the employer may decline to grant leave or may direct an employee to take leave at a certain time.
- G.3.4** The parties recognise and encourage the desirability of employees having periods of rest and recreation away from their work and expect all leave to be taken within 12 months of the date on which the entitlement falls due. In special circumstances leave may be carried forward to the next leave year with the written approval of the employee's manager to a maximum of half of the employee's annual leave entitlement.
- G.3.5** With the written approval of the employee's manager, an employee may take annual leave in anticipation of entitlement. The number of days anticipated will not exceed the number of days accrued.

## **G.4 SICK LEAVE**

### **G.4.1 Reporting**

Employees who are absent because of the need for sick leave should ensure that the appropriate line manager or equivalent is informed promptly in sufficient time to make alternative arrangements where necessary. Employees will also ensure that reasonable notice is given to the employer of pre-arranged requirements for sick leave e.g. a surgical procedure. Employees must record sick leave absences in Āku Mahi.

### **G.4.2 Employees on appointments of more than 12 months**

#### **G.4.2.1 Purpose**

The purpose of sick leave is to enable employees to continue to be paid at an ordinary rate of pay when they are unable to attend work by reason of sickness, injury or care of a child, partner or family member who through illness or injury becomes dependent on the employee and who is or becomes a member of their household, including on a temporary basis. The success of these provisions relies on mutual trust and a positive approach towards addressing the causes for non-attendance at work. Sick leave is to be administered fairly by line managers and utilised responsibly by staff.

#### **G.4.2.2 Payment of Salary During Absence**

Employees who are absent due to sick leave reasons will continue to be paid salary provided the absence is supported by a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner where requested by the employer. Medical certificates will normally be required for absences in excess of 5 days, but may be required for lesser periods.

The above provisions are inclusive of any entitlement under the provisions of the Holidays Act 2003.

When sickness or injury occurs during annual leave or long service leave the employer will permit the period of incapacity to be debited against sick leave provided a medical certificate is produced.

#### **G.4.2.3 Review**

Where the situation prevents an employee returning to work within a reasonable period, and in any case where absence extends beyond three months on any one occasion or six months cumulatively over a three-year period, the employer will review the situation on a regular basis, including the payment of salary, with a view to assisting the employee's return to work. The review will occur earlier if evidence is available which indicates that the sick leave provided is being misused; or where a clear pattern of regular absences without appropriate documentation becomes evident; or where absences are considered to be excessive.

The review is an opportunity to discuss the issues causing absence from work, with a view to offering any appropriate assistance. In considering ongoing payment of salary in cases under review each case will be considered on its merits. The employer will also take into account the following:

- the employee's past record of sick leave usage;
- the period of past employment;
- the nature of the illness or injury, how long it has continued, and the prognosis for recovery and a full return to work;
- the willingness of the employee to participate in a rehabilitation programme.

Where medical advice indicates that it is unlikely that the employee concerned will be able to resume normal duties within a reasonable period, the employer may, after consultation with the employee (and, if appropriate, her/his representative) and the employee's manager, give consideration to the options available. These may include retirement on medical grounds, a period of leave without pay, reduced hours, alternative duties or termination of employment on the grounds of incapacity. Each case will be considered on its merits.

Where the line manager has good reason to believe the sick leave provisions have been used inappropriately the manager may:

- require the employee for a specified period of time to support all absences with a medical certificate, and/or
- require the employee to undergo an examination by a medical practitioner nominated by the employer and arranged at the employer's expense, and/or
- restrict or withdraw for a specified period the sick leave provisions of this clause, provided the minimum provisions of the Holidays Act are not compromised.

#### **G.4.3 Employees on fixed term appointments of 12 months or less**

**G.4.3.1** Employees will be entitled to four days sick leave immediately upon commencement and a further five days after six months service.

**G.4.3.2** Employees may be granted leave on pay as a charge against sick leave entitlement when they are unable to attend work by reason of care of a child, partner or family member who is a member of their household and who through illness or injury becomes dependent on the employee.

**G.4.3.3** A medical certificate will be required for all absences in excess of five consecutive days and may be required for lesser periods.

**G.4.3.4** Sick leave without pay may be granted on production of a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner.

**G.4.3.5** When sickness or injury occurs during annual leave the employer will permit the period of incapacity to be debited against sick leave provided a medical certificate is provided.

**G.4.3.6** The above provisions are inclusive of any entitlement under the provisions of the Holidays Act 2003.

#### **G.4.4 Medical Information**

The employer may in cases of long term absence require that the employee undergo a medical examination for the purposes of a second opinion with a medical practitioner nominated by the employer and arranged at the expense of the employer.

The employer may require an employee who proposes to return to duty after a period of absence on sick leave to provide a medical certificate certifying that the employee is fit to resume work.

Where the employer considers that the employee's performance may be impaired by a possible medical condition, the employer may require an employee to undergo an examination by a registered medical practitioner nominated by the employer. The employer reserves the right to require a specialist medical practitioner's examination and report (or a registered clinical psychologist's examination and report if such examination is recommended by a registered medical practitioner) in specific cases. Should the employee be found unfit to perform their full duties they may be placed on sick leave until cleared to return to full duties. The employer will meet the cost of the medical examinations.

#### **G.4.5 Absence through Injury**

Work related injuries must be notified to the line manager at the time the accident occurs and recorded on the University's Accident/Incident form. Where applicable, compensation for loss of earnings will be paid under the terms of the Accident Insurance Amendment Act 2000.

Unless otherwise instructed by the employee, the employer will normally top up employer or insurer payments for loss of earnings to a maximum of the employee's ordinary rate of pay in the case of a work injury or, in the case of a non-work injury and provided sufficient paid sick leave is available to the employee, provide payment for the first week of absence and top up any ACC payments to the maximum of the employee's ordinary rate of pay.

Any such top up payments may be reviewed at two weekly intervals.

### **G.5 RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT LEAVE**

**G.5.1** The employer and the employee agree that retirement means permanently withdrawing from the regular paid workforce.

These provisions will not exclude retired employees from being employed in the University on a casual or fixed term basis.

**G.5.2** The employee is required to give one months written notice of intention to retire and to declare any planned future employment.

**G.5.3** Where retirement is approved in terms of Clause G.5.1 (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld), employees who have 10 years or more University service are eligible for a retirement allowance calculated in accordance with the following table:

<b>Entitlement (in working days) with Service of Years and Months specified.</b>						
<b>Months</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Years</b>						
10	22	23	24	24	25	26

11	26	27	28	29	29	30
12	31	31	32	33	34	34
13	35	36	36	37	38	39
14	39	40	41	41	42	43
15	44	44	45	46	46	47
16	48	49	49	50	51	51
17	52	53	54	54	55	56
18	56	57	58	59	59	60
19	61	61	62	63	64	64
20	65					
25	65	66	66	67	68	69
26	69	70	71	71	72	73
27	74	74	75	76	76	77
28	78	79	79	80	81	81
29	82	83	84	84	85	86
30	86	87	88	89	89	90
31	91	91	92	93	94	94
32	95	96	96	97	98	99
33	99	100	101	101	102	103
34	104	104	105	106	106	107
35	108	109	109	110	111	111
36	112	113	114	114	115	116
37	116	117	118	119	119	120
38	121	121	122	123	124	124
39	125	126	126	127	128	129
40	131					

- G.5.4** Service for the purpose of retirement entitlement and calculation means continuous employment, full-time or part-time (on a pro-rata basis), in the University together with any other service which the employer may at its discretion recognise. Part-time employees qualify on a pro-rata basis.
- G.5.5** In determining the period of service, the employer may deduct periods of leave without pay exceeding 3 months in total.
- G.5.6** On the death of an employee the employer may approve a cash grant in lieu of any retirement allowance to the surviving partner, or if there is no surviving partner, to any dependent
- G.5.7** If the employee wishes, the retirement allowance may be converted to retirement leave. Retirement leave does not count as service; service for retirement leave purposes is calculated up to and including the last day of work plus any annual and/or long service leave due.
- G.5.8** The employer will notify an employee who has retired during the preceding 12 months of any salary increase that is backdated to any period of annual or long service leave taken after cessation of duties, provided the employee has left a contact address with the employer, and will pay the increase on written application from the employee.

## **G.6 PARENTAL LEAVE**

**G.6.1** The Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987, the Parental Leave and Employment Protection (Paid Parental Leave) Amendment Act 2002 and the 2004 amendment apply, and their provisions are supplemented by the following.

### **G.6.2 Applications**

Employees intending to take parental leave are required to give at least three months notice in writing and the application is to be accompanied by a certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner or a midwife certifying the expected date of delivery. Special and medical circumstances will be taken into account.

### **G.6.3 Notice of return from parental leave**

An employee absent on parental leave is required to give at least 21 days written notice of her/his return to duty.

#### **G.6.4 Ex gratia payment**

Where an employee, who is entitled to parental leave of up to 12 months, returns to work on the agreed date, they qualify for a payment equivalent to 30 working days at the ordinary rate applying for the 30 working days immediately following their ceasing duty. Any adjustments to the salary scale that take effect during a period of parental leave will apply. Absence on parental leave will not affect the granting of an increment that falls due during the period.

If an employee and their partner are both employed in the University and eligible for the payment, they are entitled to only one payment and they may choose who will receive it.

An employee who is absent on parental leave for less than six weeks (30 working days) will receive that proportion of the payment that their absence represents in working days.

Any payment will be based on the normal hours of work prior to the parental leave. However, a woman who works less than normal hours for a short period only, for reasons related to the pregnancy, prior to her confinement, may have her case for full payment considered.

#### **G.6.5** An employee who would be eligible for the ex-gratia payment under the terms of clause G.6.4 may apply instead, at the time of submitting the parental leave application, for six weeks paid leave to commence at the beginning of the period of the parental leave.

Where approval is given, it will:

- be granted on the same terms and conditions as those applying to the ex-gratia payment described in clause G.6.4; and
- require the employee's agreement in writing to repay any payments made under this provision, if the employee resigns or does not return to work on an agreed date.

#### **G.6.6 Job Protection**

An employee returning from parental leave is entitled to resume work in the same position other than in the exceptional circumstances specified in the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987.

#### **G.6.7 Surplus Staffing**

When a staffing surplus is declared involving a position that is usually occupied by an employee who is on parental leave, the provisions of clause C.4 of this Agreement will apply.

#### **G.6.8** In addition to and subject to the provisions of G.6.4 and G.6.5, an employee entitled to the ex gratia payment or paid parental leave set out in those provisions and who has been granted parental leave for a period greater than six weeks will also receive an ex gratia payment or paid leave equivalent to the difference between the employee's salary at the time of ceasing duty and the amount received by the employee under the paid parental leave provisions of the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Amendment Act 2002 for a further period of three weeks or the remainder of the parental leave, whichever is the lesser.

#### **G.6.9** Payments under clauses G.6.4 and G.6.8 will be made six weeks after the employee returns to duty provided the employee has not given notice to resign during that six week period.

### **G.7 LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

**G.7.1** In addition to annual holidays specified elsewhere in this Agreement, an employee will be entitled to either:

(a) on completion of 10 years' continuous University service, a special holiday of two weeks and on completion of 20 years' continuous University service a further two weeks special holiday or;

(b) on completion of 20 years' continuous University service, a special holiday of four weeks.

The leave must be taken within five years of the 20 years entitlement becoming due or be forfeited. This is a once only entitlement.

**G.7.2** Long service leave is a leave entitlement, not a basis for a lump sum payment.

**G.7.3** Entitlement to long service leave will not affect any retirement leave eligibility.

## **G.8 JURY SERVICE LEAVE**

An employee called on for jury service will be entitled to special leave with pay. The employee is to ensure that all fees payable by the court other than for service performed on a weekend or rostered day off are paid to the employer. The employee may retain any expenses payments.

## **G.9 BEREAVEMENT/TANGIHANGA LEAVE**

**G.9.1** An employee will be granted special bereavement 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) including attendance at hura kohatu (unveilings), kawē mate (re-enactment of tangihanga) or maumaharatanga (memorial services).

**G.9.2** In granting time off therefore, and for how long, the employer will 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;

**G.9.3** 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.

**G.9.4** If paid special bereavement leave is not appropriate, then annual leave or leave without pay should be granted, but as a last resort.

**G.9.5** If a bereavement occurs while an employee is absent on annual leave, sick leave on pay, long service leave (except when this is taken after relinquishment of office) or other special leave on pay, such leave may be interrupted and bereavement leave granted in terms of the preceding clauses. This provision will not apply if the employee is on leave without pay.

## **G.10 STUDY LEAVE**

**G.10.1** Employees may be granted study leave to enable them to complete qualifications and to attend courses and seminars which are considered by the employer to be relevant to their employment.

**G.10.2** Provisions for this and other forms of study leave are at the discretion of the employer.

**G.10.3 Study Leave for Technicians**

- (a) Subject to the approval of the Dean (or nominee), a full-time technician may be allowed leave on full pay up to a maximum of one day per week for the purpose of attending a course of study relevant to their employment.
- (b) The granting of leave each year will be subject to the employee's satisfactory progress in the work and studies.
- (c) An employee who has successfully completed a section of the course for which he/she has enrolled will be reimbursed the cost of course tuition and examination fees on the production of result-slips and receipts. Other fees and the purchase of books and instruments are the responsibility of the employee.
- (d) Where an employee is required by the employer to take a course, the employee will be granted paid leave to attend the course, provided that the employee makes known, and applies for, the leave requirement prior to enrolment in the course. Where a course of study requiring attendance at a block course is approved, the employer will pay reasonable travel and other expenses.

**G.10.4 Study Leave for Library Staff**

- (a) Subject to the approval of the Librarian (or nominee), an employee may be granted leave on full pay for attendance at courses for completion of relevant library qualifications.
- (b) The Librarian (or nominee) may approve payment, on production of receipts, of 25% of the course fees for relevant library qualifications.

**G.11 TUITION FEES**

The employer may meet the costs of tuition for any employee enrolled for a course of study in the University which is relevant to the employee's work and has been approved by the employer. The employer may approve attendance at courses in other cases without being required to pay tuition fees.

**G.12 REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION LEAVE**

**G.12.1** PSA and TEU representatives will be granted Representatives Education Leave allocated on the basis of 3 days per year per representative. The total allocation of leave available under this provision will be based on one day per year per 10 full-time equivalent employees covered by this Agreement.

**G.12.2** Representatives Education Leave will be granted providing operational requirements are not unduly disrupted, to allow participation in education courses, subject to the PSA/TEU giving the employer not less than three weeks' notice of such a course. The employer will advise the PSA/TEU not less than two weeks prior to a course whether or not the leave has been granted. Leave approved will be paid at the ordinary rate of pay.

**G.12.3** The above provisions are inclusive of any entitlement under the provisions of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

**G.13 SPECIAL LEAVE**

**G.13.1** Where an employee is required to participate formally as a witness or special presenter of evidence in Māori Land Court or Waitangi Tribunal proceedings, the employee will be granted paid special leave.

**G.13.2** The employer may at his/her discretion approve special leave, paid or unpaid, for any purpose including on compassionate grounds or in respect of cultural obligations.

**G.14 CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS SERVICE**

**G.14.1** Continuous employment in another New Zealand University will count as service for the

purpose of calculating retiring entitlements under this Agreement, provided the interval between the prior service and employment by the Employer does not exceed one month.

- G.14.2** Continuous previous service at the University of Waikato will be taken into account for the purposes of calculating retirement leave entitlements provided the interval between the prior service and employment by the employer does not exceed six years.
- G.14.3** The employer may give credit for previous relevant service for the purpose of calculating long service leave. Decisions will have regard to the relevance of the service and recruitment and retention experience.
- G.14.4** Employees employed prior to 30 March 1993 will retain their existing provisions regarding recognition of service

## **SECTION H: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **H.1 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- H.1.1** The University will encourage safe work practices which will include employee representatives. For employees using computers The Guidelines for using computers 2010 shall apply.

The employer has health and safety policies and procedures that promote healthy and safe working practices and comply with the employer's obligations to provide a healthy and safe work environment for employees.

Employees will work and act at all times in ways that comply with the employer's requirements in respect of occupational health and safety.

#### **H.1.2 Protective Clothing:**

- (a) Where necessary suitable protective clothing, footwear, safety spectacles and equipment will be provided by the employer and the employee instructed in their use.
- (b) Where justified prescription hardened lenses will be provided by the employer. Should a change in prescription require a change of lenses, then the employer will pay the difference in cost between normal and hardened lenses plus the cost of standard safety frames if required.
- (c) Laundering or dry cleaning of all protective clothing will be the responsibility of the employer and will be carried out on a regular basis.
- (d) An employee suffering damage to clothing while wearing protective clothing will be financially reimbursed for the damage.
- (e) The employer will take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the employee is instructed in the use and need for safety clothing and equipment.
- (f) The employee will be under an obligation to make use of safety clothing and equipment provided by the employer. Repeated failure to do so will constitute misconduct.

#### **H.1.3 Eye Tests**

An employee who is engaged in VDU duties for at least 50 per cent of their normal working time will be entitled to an eye test at the employer's expense immediately upon being assigned to such duties. Further tests will be provided at not less than two yearly intervals upon application to the employer. If the test discloses that prescription spectacles or contact lenses are required for the normal viewing distance of a VDU, or that an eyesight problem has been created or worsened by VDU use then the cost of single vision spectacles or contact lenses will be met by the employer. The reimbursed cost of the spectacles or lenses will not exceed \$250.00 (exclusive of the cost of eye tests).

If an employee resigns within six months of receiving spectacles or contact lenses under this clause, the employee will repay to the employer two thirds of the costs incurred.

#### **H.1.4 New Technology**

When new or updated technology is introduced into a workplace, it will be the responsibility of the employer to provide appropriate and, if necessary, ongoing training to the employees directly affected. Such training will include any health and safety implications or information that will enable employees to operate the equipment without discomfort and will help maintain their general well-being.

#### **H.2 PAYMENT OF SALARIES**

Payment to all staff will be made fortnightly.

#### **H.3 DEDUCTIONS**

**H.3.1** Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this Agreement the employer will be entitled to make a rateable deduction from the salary of an employee for time lost through sickness (other than as provided in this Agreement) or default provided that such deduction will be made not later than the pay period following that in which the absence occurred.

**H.3.2** At the written request of any employee, the employer will deduct union fees from the employee's pay at a rate advised from time to time by the PSA/TEU, and will remit such deductions to the PSA/TEU.

#### **H.4 CONSULTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE**

**H.4.1** The parties to the Agreement accept

- a) that they have a mutual interest in ensuring an efficient and effective workplace;
- b) that all parties to the Agreement have an important contribution to make to achieving any necessary changes; and
- c) that the employer has the right to manage, organise and make final decisions on the operation and policies of the University.

**H.4.2** The employer will, wherever possible, involve the employees and their authorised representatives in the consideration of any proposal which may result in substantial changes affecting them. Unless an employee notifies the employer to the contrary, the employer will notify that employee's authorised representative of any meeting arranged with the employee for this purpose. The aim of the consultation is to assist the employer and employees and where appropriate authorised representatives to share their views on the current situation, the objectives of proposed change, and options to be considered. The employer will give serious consideration to options for change provided by the employees or their authorised representatives before any decisions are made.

**H.4.3** The employer is entitled to have a working plan already in mind at the commencement of consultation.

**H.4.4** The consultation will normally include:

- the employer meeting with the employees affected and where appropriate their authorised representatives.
- the provision of relevant information by the employer (subject to commercial sensitivity and privacy and official information considerations) to enable those consulted to develop an informed response.
- the provision of sufficient time for the consulted parties to assess the information and make a response. At the outset of the consultation process the parties will endeavour to reach agreement over a time frame and format for the preparation and presentation of a response. Any time frame will be subject to the overall time constraints within which the employer reasonably believes a decision needs to be made.

## **H.5 DISPUTES AND GRIEVANCES**

**H.5.1** Resolution of any dispute or grievance will be determined in accordance with the procedures set out in the Employment Relations Act 2000. An explanation of the procedures for resolving employment relationship problems and personal grievances is attached to this Agreement as Appendix A.

**H.5.2** Nothing in clause H.5.1 will prevent the parties from agreeing upon any other procedure for the purpose of resolving any dispute or grievance so long as it complies with the requirements of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

## **H.6 SAVINGS**

### **H.6.1 General Occupational Classes Savings ("Grandparent Clause")**

This clause will apply to staff in the following occupational classes:

Administrative and Clerical  
Computer (Data Processing) and (Data Entry)  
Computer Consultants, Analysts, Programmers  
Continuing Education Officers  
Counsellors  
General Services  
Liaison Officers  
Nurses  
Secretaries/Typists  
Telephonists

Permanent staff who took up duties prior to 9 March 1988 or who were appointed prior to 9 March 1988 but took up duties after 9 March 1988 to suit the convenience of the university will not have their previous annual leave, long service leave or retiring leave entitlements reduced by the coming into force of this Agreement.

### **H.6.2 Librarians Savings**

(This clause will apply to staff in the Librarians Occupational Class).

- (a) Permanent staff who took up duties prior to 15 December 1980 or who were appointed prior to 15 December 1980 but took up duties after 15 December 1980 to suit the convenience of the university will not have their previous annual leave, long service leave or retiring leave entitlements reduced by the coming into force of this Agreement.
- (b) Employees, other than casuals, employed prior to 30 March 1993 and who work on weekends, will be paid the rates applicable prior to the coming into force of this Agreement.

### **H.6.3 Technicians Savings**

(This clause will apply to staff in the Technicians Occupational Class).

Permanent staff who took up their duties prior to 1 July 1990 will not have their previous annual leave, long service leave or retiring leave entitlements reduced by the coming into force of this Agreement.

**H.6.4** Staff employed prior to 23.12.96 will not be expected to work on a Sunday as part of their regular stated hours of work, except by mutual agreement.

## **H.7 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND REGISTRATIONS**

Where the employer requires an employee to have a professional membership or registration in order to perform their job, the cost of such membership or registration will be met by the employer.

## **H.8 TIKANGA MĀORI/TE REO MĀORI SKILLS**

Where employees are called on by the employer to use tikanga Māori or te reo Māori skills in circumstances outside of their job requirements and where such duties are above and beyond the normal job requirements of the employee, the employer may recognise such contributions by way of financial recognition or some other agreed manner.

## **H.9 CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Staff Code of Conduct is attached as Appendix B.

## **H.10 RECOGNITION OF UNION RIGHTS**

The Employer will recognise the right of the Public Service Association or Tertiary Education Union to represent any employee(s) who initiate a personal grievance or dispute, subject to the Union having established its authority to represent the employee(s) concerned. Such authority can be established within Union membership provisions or by other means.

## **H.11 UNION MEETINGS**

**H.11.1** The parties recognise the roles of union delegates and similar union positions and the time sometimes needed to undertake these functions in the workplace or at the national level. Requests for time are subject to operational requirements but will not be unreasonably withheld.

**H.11.2** The employer will allow every employee covered by this Agreement to attend on ordinary pay up to four meetings per year, to a maximum of four hours per year, with no single meeting to exceed two hours, provided that:

**H.11.3** The PSA/TEU will give the employer at least 14 days' notice of the date and time of any meeting to which subclause H.11.2 applies.

**H.11.4** The PSA/TEU will 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.

**H.11.5** Work will resume as soon as practicable after the meeting, but the employer will not be obliged to pay any union member for a period greater than two hours in respect of any meeting.

**H.11.6** Only union members who actually attend a union meeting will be entitled to pay in respect of that meeting and to that end the PSA/TEU will supply the employer with a list of members who attended and will advise of the time the meeting finished.

**H.11.7** The above provisions are inclusive of any entitlement under the provisions of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

## **H.12 RIGHT OF ACCESS**

Subject to the Employment Relations Act 2000, any authorised officer of the TEU or PSA will, with the consent of the employer (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld), be entitled at all reasonable times to enter the premises for purposes related to the employment of their members or union business or both.

## **H.13 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The provisions of section 77D of the State Sector Amendment Act (No.1) 1989 will apply. The relevant section of the Act is attached in Appendix D.

#### **H.14 PERSONNEL POLICY PRINCIPLES**

The provisions of section 77A of the State Sector Amendment Act (No.1) 1989 will apply. The relevant section of the Act is attached in Appendix C.

#### **H.15 VARIATIONS**

The parties to this Agreement may agree to vary any or all of its provisions during its term subject to the TEU and PSA ratification processes.

Any agreed variations will be confirmed in writing by the employer and TEU/PSA.

#### **H.16 TERM OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement will come into force on 1 July 2014 and will continue in force until 30 June 2016. The salary rates will remain effective until 1 October 2016.

The following are the parties to the University of Waikato General Staff Collective Employment Agreement:

##### **The University of Waikato**

Signed on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor

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**Carole Gunn**  
**Head, Human Resource Management Division**  
**The University of Waikato**

##### **The NZ Public Service Association**

Signed on behalf of the PSA

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**Frank Jackson**  
**Organiser**  
**NZ Public Service Association**

##### **The Tertiary Education Union**

Signed on behalf of the TEU

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**Nanette Cormack**  
**Deputy Secretary**

**Tertiary Education Union**

## APPENDIX A

This appendix comprises an explanation of the procedure for resolving employment relationship problems and personal grievances:

### Procedure for Resolving Employment Relationship Problems and Personal Grievances

The Employment Relations Act 2000 requires that all collective and individual agreements contain a plain-language explanation of the services and processes available to resolve any employment relationship problems. The University and the campus unions have agreed on the following procedure and wish to draw it to the attention of all existing staff.

1. Employment relationship problems include:
  - a **personal grievance** (a claim of unjustifiable dismissal, unjustifiable disadvantage, discrimination, sexual or racial harassment, or duress in relation to membership or non-membership of a union or employee organisation).
  - a **dispute** (about the interpretation, application or operation of an employment agreement).
  - **any other problem** relating to or arising out of your employment relationship with the University except matters relating to the fixing of new terms and conditions of employment.
2. If you believe there is a problem with your employment relationship with the University, you should tell your manager, either personally or through your union or other representative, as soon as possible that:
  - there is a problem; and
  - the nature of the problem; and
  - what you want done about the problem.
3. If for any reason you feel unable to raise the matter with your manager, other suggested contacts are Deans/Heads or the Head or staff of the Human Resource Management Division.
4. In the case of a personal grievance, you must raise the matter with the employer within 90 days of the grievance occurring or coming to your notice, whichever is the later. A written submission is preferable but not necessary.
5. You have the right to seek the support and assistance of your union or representative or information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Mediation Service at any time.
6. We will try to resolve the matter through discussion with you and/or your union or representative.
7. If the problem cannot be resolved through discussion, then either you or the University can request assistance from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment which may provide mediation services.
8. If the problem is not resolved by mediation, you may apply to the Employment Relations Authority for investigation and determination.
9. In certain circumstances the decision of the Employment Relations Authority may be appealed by you or the University to the Employment Court.

## APPENDIX C

### New Zealand Legislation State Sector Act 1988

#### Part 7A Personnel provisions in relation to education service

Part 7A: inserted, on 1 October 1989, by section 3 of the State Sector Amendment Act 1989 (1989 No 67).

##### 77A General principles

- (1) Every employer in the education service must—
  - (a) operate a personnel policy that complies with the principle of being a good employer; and
  - (b) make that policy (including the equal employment opportunities programme) available to its employees; and
  - (c) ensure its compliance with that policy (including its equal employment opportunities programme) and report in its annual report (if any) on the extent of its compliance.
  
- (2) For the purposes of this section a **good employer** is an employer who operates a personnel policy containing provisions generally accepted as necessary for the fair and proper treatment of employees in all aspects of their employment, including provisions requiring—
  - (a) good and safe working conditions; and
  - (b) an equal employment opportunities programme; and
  - (c) the impartial selection of suitably qualified persons for appointment; and
  - (d) recognition of—
    - (i) the aims and aspirations of the Maori people; and
    - (ii) the employment requirements of the Maori people; and
    - (iii) the need for greater involvement of the Maori people in the education service; and
  - (e) opportunities for the enhancement of the abilities of individual employees; and
  - (f) recognition of the aims and aspirations and employment requirements, and the cultural differences, of ethnic or minority groups; and
  - (g) recognition of the employment requirements of women; and
  - (h) recognition of the employment requirements of persons with disabilities.
  
- (3) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1) and (2), each employer shall ensure that all employees maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct, and concern for—
  - (a) the public interest; and
  - (b) the well-being of students attending the institution.

Section 77A: inserted, on 1 October 1989, by section 3 of the State Sector Amendment Act 1989 (1989 No 67).

Section 77A(1): substituted, on 25 January 2005, by section 13(1) of the State Sector Amendment Act (No 2) 2004 (2004 No 114).

Section 77A(2)(f): substituted, on 25 January 2005, by section 13(2) of the State Sector Amendment Act (No 2) 2004 (2004 No 114).

## APPENDIX D

### New Zealand Legislation State Sector Act 1988

#### 77D Equal employment opportunities

- (1) The chief executive of the Ministry of Education shall be responsible for promoting, developing, and monitoring equal employment opportunities policies and programmes in the education service.
- (2) *[Repealed]*
- (3) *[Repealed]*
- (4) *[Repealed]*
- (5) For the purposes of this section and section 77A, an **equal employment opportunities programme** means a programme that is aimed at the identification and elimination of all aspects of policies, procedures, and other institutional barriers that cause or perpetuate, or tend to cause or perpetuate, inequality in respect to the employment of any persons or group of persons.

Section 77D: inserted, on 1 October 1989, by section 3 of the State Sector Amendment Act 1989 (1989 No 67).

Section 77D(2): repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 15 of the State Sector Amendment Act (No 2) 2004 (2004 No 114).

Section 77D(3): repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 15 of the State Sector Amendment Act (No 2) 2004 (2004 No 114).

Section 77D(4): repealed, on 25 January 2005, by section 15 of the State Sector Amendment Act (No 2) 2004 (2004 No 114).