



Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs



CHARITIES SERVICES

Ngā Ratonga Kaupapa Atawhai



Charities Services, Ngā Ratonga Kaupapa Atawhai, is part of the Department of Internal Affairs, and administers the Charities Act 2005.

We promote public trust and confidence in the charitable sector and encourage the effective use of charitable resources. We do this by registering and monitoring charities and processing Annual Returns. We also encourage good governance and management practices by providing educational support, advice and materials.

Charities Services works closely with the Department of Internal Affairs' nationwide team of Community Operations advisors, and staff from other government agencies, such as Inland Revenue and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. We also provide advice to government and other stakeholders in the wider not-for-profit sector. In addition, we publish relevant data and research to help build understanding, trust and confidence in the charitable sector.

Find out more about Charities Services by visiting our website: <http://www.charities.govt.nz>

Charities Registration Board

Charities Services was established in 2012 when the functions of the previous Charities Commission became the responsibility of the Department of Internal Affairs. To retain independence in the decision making process, the amended Charities Act established a **Charities Registration Board** to make all decisions regarding registration and deregistration of charities. The independent three-member Board ensures that charities on the Charities Register qualify under New Zealand's charities' law.

The members of the Charities Registration Board are Roger Holmes Miller (Chair), Dr Bev Gatenby, and Simon Karipa. The Board meets regularly to apply the law and make decisions regarding the charitable status of organisations.

Charities Register

Charities Services maintains the **Charities Register**, which contains information about more than 27,000 registered charities. The Charities Register is the public record of registered charities that operate under the rules of the Charities Act 2005.

The Charities Register summarises each charity's purposes, activities, sector and includes their Annual Returns – a yearly report which details their income, expenditure and activities.

An advanced search function allows you to explore the details of all registered charities and previously registered charities, and draw real time facts and figures from all the data on the Register.

You can find the Charities Register here: <http://www.charities.services/search>

General Enquiries

For any general enquiries, please contact us at info@charities.govt.nz

Resources

Charities Services Resources

Charities Services provides a range of content of interest to registered charities and the not-for-profit sector. As well as our website, we have a blog and webinar series on topical concerns for charities, regular newsletters summarising key issues for charities, and a social media presence on Twitter and Facebook.

We also publish decisions of the independent Charities Registration Board.

Visit or sign up to our channels below:

Newsletter	http://charities.services/NewsletterSignup
Blog	http://charities.services/BlogSignup
Facebook	http://www.facebook.com/CharitiesServices
Twitter	@charitiesDIA
Webinars	http://charities.services/WebinarInfo
Decisions	http://charities.services/decisions
Website	http://www.charities.govt.nz

Other Resources

Charities Services also supported the development of two resources designed to support good governance and best practice in charities and the not-for-profit sector. These resources are owned and curated by NZ Navigator Trust (<https://nzntrust.org.nz>).

CommunityNet Aotearoa

CommunityNet Aotearoa is a free online hub where you can find and share quality resources designed to strengthen community organisations.

Find them here: <http://community.net.nz>

NZ Navigator

NZ Navigator is a free online assessment tool developed for New Zealand community organisations, to assess the performance of their organisation by rating all the important areas of their organisation's operation – direction, governance, leadership, people, administration, finances, communication, evaluation and relationships.

Find them here: <http://www.nznavigator.org.nz>