



Purpose of NZSI Teacher Registry

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The main purpose of teacher registration is to increase the professional standing and training levels of Suzuki teachers in New Zealand. This is in keeping with objective two of the NZSI constitution: “To promote Teacher Training, establish and maintain internationally recognized Teacher Training courses and ensure the maintenance of professional standards and practice” (NZSI Constitution, updated, Nov, 2003).

Secondly the NZSI Teacher Registry will allow a differentiation to be made between teachers trained in the Suzuki method who are making an ongoing commitment to personal professional development (PPD) and teachers in the community who may choose to use Suzuki materials and/or aspects of the method without training.

These two key purposes will be achieved by introducing minimum qualification and ongoing professional participation requirements. These requirements include completion of Level 1 training and assessment (or equivalent) and ongoing participation in local, national, or overseas music educational/performance development and training opportunities.

A national database will record the training levels and professional involvement of teachers. It will be the responsibility of teachers to provide evidence of involvement in professional development. Branches may assist teachers by keeping records of branch based PD attendance.

Criteria for Registration

All teachers must be current financial members of NZSI -

Completion of NZSI Level 1 assessment or equivalent.
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Evidence that over a three year period a total of 12 hours PPD has been completed. Up to three hours of these twelve hours may be realized through contributions to Branch events or associated activities e.g. running concerts, developing policies, contributions to the NZSI Journal.
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Supplementary Notes

1. Personal Professional Development includes any activity or course that relates to and enhances the core activity of Suzuki instrumental music teaching. Some examples for guidance:

- Undertaking individual private lessons
- Tertiary courses related to education or music
- Alexander technique lessons
- Professional Development as part of a Suzuki workshop/conference
- Observations undertaken at Suzuki or other music courses,
- Participation or observation of master classes etc
- PD as part of NZSI teacher training programmes
- Early childhood or pre school music education course

2. It is expected that Branches will begin to initiate teacher development opportunities in various ways, most likely attached to workshops or summer camps. NZSI will consider support for Branches that register difficulty in providing suitable opportunities for members. NZSI is committed to providing a Teacher Conference every three years. This event may provide a key opportunity to fulfill registration requirements for the three year period.

3. Deferral of registration through inability to meet PD requirements may be considered if warranted by personal or professional circumstances. However, the NZSI membership subscription must be kept current to retain a place on the registry.

4. Teachers who apply for registration part way through a registration cycle (e.g. commence training or arrive from overseas) may negotiate appropriate PPD requirements with the Director of Teacher Training.

5. Teacher members who have completed Units 1A and 1B training and are undertaking the remaining Level 1 training will be given Provisional Status (PS) during their training period. This would normally be for a maximum period of three years from the commencement of training.

6. Categories within the registry

R – Registered – Completed Level 1 or above assessment (or equivalent)

PS – Provisional Status – Currently undertaking Level 1 training

7. Teachers will be registered only for the instruments for which they have completed Level 1 or above assessment (or equivalent) or for an instrument for which they are currently enrolled in training (PS)

Teacher Application for Registration with NZSI 2010-2012

forward to Teacher Registration, NZSI, PO Box 74-092, Market Rd, Auckland

Name:

Address:

Phone:

e-mail:

Associated branch:

Instrument:

Completed Level One assessment or equivalent? Yes / No
(Level One = Unit 1A, Unit 1B and Unit 2)

Please include evidence in the form of a list of courses/activities attended over a **three year period** from 2007-9 totaling of **12 hours PPD** (see Supplementary Note 1 above for examples of acceptable PPD).

Up to three hours of these twelve hours may be realized through contributions to Branch events or associated activities e.g. running concerts, developing policies, contributions to the NZSI Journal.

I understand that by applying for Registration I am giving permission for my name, instrument, and branch to be included on the NZSI Teacher Registry which will be published on the NZSI web site.

I hereby confirm that I have undertaken the activities listed with my application.

Signed:

Date:

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Record of Teacher PPD – NZSI 2007-2009

Application for the 2010-2012 registration is due no later than **November 1st 2009**. With this application you will provide the following checklist of your Professional Development undertaken in the time period 2007 - 2009.

Course/event/activity:

Date:

Activity undertaken:

Number of hours:

Course/event/activity:

Date:

Activity undertaken:

Number of hours:

Course/event/activity:

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