

Seniority of various NZ honours



ONZ: The Order of New Zealand

The country's highest honour, restricted to 20 living persons at any time, plus additional members and honorary members.



GNZM: Knight or Dame Grand Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit*

Breast star plus badge

Awarded for a pre-eminent contribution in any field over a sustained period. Services have usually brought international recognition.



Badge worn from sash over right shoulder



KNZM or DNZM: Knight or Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit**



Breast star plus badge



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For pre-eminent contribution in any field achieving at a national or international level, recognised by peers and demonstrating sustained commitment.



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CNZM: Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit

For a prominent national or international role, leading role in regional affairs or distinguished contribution to an area of activity.



QSO: Queen's Service Order

Recognises valuable voluntary service to the community or faithful service to the Crown or public sector. Usually awarded for service at a national level.



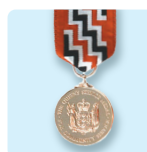
ONZM: Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit

For a distinguished regional or national role in any field.



MNZM: Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit

For achievement or service to the community, usually in a national role.



QSM: Queen's Service Medal

Same as QSO but usually awarded for service at a local or regional level.



* Formerly Principal Companion (PCNZM) from 1999-2009.

** Formerly Distinguished Companion (DCNZM) from 1999-2009.

ONZ and GNZM appointments are only made periodically, when required.

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