



## **COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**From 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025**

**Between**

**Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust**

**and**

**New Zealand Nurses Organisation**

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# 1 APPLICATION

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1.1 This Collective Agreement is made in accordance with the Employment Relations Act 2000.

1.2 The parties to this Collective Agreement are:

- a) Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust ("Plunket"); and
- b) The New Zealand Nurses Organisation ("NZNO").

1.3 This Collective Agreement shall cover employees that are members of NZNO and are employed by Plunket in the position of:

- a) Administration Team Leader  
B4 School Coordinator -Administration  
Community Karitāne  
Family Worker  
Family Start Team Leader  
Health Worker  
Occupational Therapist  
Administration Team Leader  
Registered Nurse  
Plunket Kaiāwhina  
Plunket Nurse  
Service Delivery Administrator/ Administrator (providing support to frontline service delivery)

And

- b) Clinical Leader (including B4 Schools Coordinators – Clinical)  
Clinical Quality Advisor  
National Educator

Where reference is made in this Collective Agreement to "Senior Nurses", it refers to roles listed in (b) above.

1.4 This Collective Agreement commences on 1 July 2024 and expires on 30 June 2025.

1.5 This Collective Agreement ('this Agreement') is made under the Employment Relations Act 2000 ('the Act') and its subsequent amendments. This collective agreement supersedes and replaces any previous employment agreement governing the employment relationship between the employer and the employees covered by this Agreement.

1.6 This Collective Agreement shall be read in conjunction with an Employee's Letter of Appointment, the job description and any policies and procedures adopted by Plunket.

1.7 The terms and conditions of employment of an Employee who is bound by this Collective Agreement may include any additional terms and conditions that are mutually agreed to by Plunket and the Employee and are not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement.

1.8 Plunket will ensure that new Employees who come within the coverage of this Collective Agreement are provided with a copy of the Collective Agreement and information about NZNO. Plunket will advise new Employees of who the relevant NZNO delegates are and provide their contact details and an introduction to the NZNO delegates at their facility as part of the new employee induction process.

## **2 VARIATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

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- 2.1 The parties accept that circumstances may arise during the term of this Collective Agreement that warrants variation of this Collective Agreement.
- 2.2 With respect to Section 54 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 the parties have agreed that this Collective Agreement may be varied during its term by agreement.
- 2.3 Where a party proposes any variation, a written proposal shall be forwarded to the other party. Such a proposal shall outline the variation sought, the reasons for the variation and the likely effect of the variation.
- 2.4 Any variation agreed to shall be recorded in writing and signed by the parties.

## **3 DEFINITIONS**

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- 3.1 "Full-time employee" means an employee who works 38 hours per week, (80 hours per fortnight for Senior Nurses).
- 3.2 "Part-time employee" means an employee who works less than 38 hours per week (80 hours per fortnight for Senior Nurses) on a permanent roster and whose hours and days of work are specified in her/his appointment letter.
- 3.3 "Normal Place of Work" means the area in which the Employee is employed.
- 3.4 "Temporary/Fixed Term employee" means an employee who is employed on a full-time or part-time basis in a position covered by this Collective Agreement. A temporary/fixed term employee shall be employed for a fixed term for a specific project, situation or event or to replace an employee on parental leave or long-term accident or sickness. Temporary/fixed term employees will not have access to service-based clauses in this Collective Agreement such as Long Service Leave, Redundancy, and additional Annual Leave etc.
- 3.5 "Casual/Relief employee" means an employee who is employed on an "on call" or "as and when required" basis with no set hours or days of work. They are employed where there is an overflow of work or a permanent employee is absent. These employees will be paid in accordance with the salary scales in clause 11.5. Casual/Relief employees will not have access to service-based clauses in this Collective Agreement such as Long Service Leave, Redundancy, and additional Annual Leave etc. Plunket will pay 8% holiday pay per hour of work which will be paid less tax at the same time as salary payments.
- 3.6 "Pro rata" means if the employee's position requires less than full-time hours, being less than 38 hours per week (or 80 hours per fortnight for Senior Nurses), benefits received by the employee under this Collective Agreement will be pro-rated for the proportion of full-time worked.
- 3.7 As the context requires, the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

## 4 TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

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- 4.1 Whānau Āwhina Plunket and the NZNO acknowledge the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the constitutional basis of the relationship between Māori and the Crown, and the unique status of Māori as tangata whenua of Aotearoa/New Zealand.
- 4.2 Whānau Āwhina Plunket and the NZNO are committed to implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi between Māori and the Crown and will promote and enable an understanding of the articles of Te Tiriti and their implementation in the workplace.
- 4.3 The parties' obligations include:
- (i) proactively seeking to understand the needs and aspirations of whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori communities, including through building awareness of the aims of Te Rautaki Māori Haerenga - the Māori Strategy Roadmap.
  - (ii) developing the capability (skills, knowledge and behaviour) required to engage in meaningful and culturally safe ways with Māori.
  - (iii) developing, knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori and how this applies in the context of the work we do and the communities we serve.
  - (iv) enabling all employees to gain an understanding of the responsibilities and obligations of Te Tiriti o Waitangi to be able to demonstrate this in our workplace.
  - (v) encouraging the development in, and the promotion of Te Reo Māori me Ona Tikanga.
- 4.4 Whānau Āwhina Plunket and NZNO members acknowledge their respective responsibilities and commitments to the clauses above.

## 5 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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- 5.1 All references to Plunket's policy and procedures manual refer to current policy and procedures at the date on which this Collective Agreement was signed. Plunket undertakes that it will not change any specified policy and procedures, which affect those Employees covered by this Collective Agreement without consulting with parties to this Collective Agreement.

## 6 DUTIES

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### 6.1 Flexibility

NZNO and Plunket acknowledge that Plunket is now operating in a rapidly changing and increasingly competitive service industry. In order to survive in this industry Plunket and Employees will have to continue to be flexible and adaptable. NZNO and Plunket are committed to consulting and co- operating in an effort to survive in the new environment.

Employees agree to undertake such duties as may be specified in their letter of appointment and position description or as may be from time to time reasonably required by Plunket.

## **7 WORKLOAD**

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- 7.1 Plunket will ensure that all Employees are allocated a workload that is equitable, reasonable, and safe in accordance with Plunket's Health and Safety guidelines.
- 7.2 All relevant work factors will be taken into consideration when assigning workload to an Employee such as complexity, resources available, and travel requirements.
- 7.3 Where an Employee has concerns about the allocation of workload, they need to raise this with their manager in the first Instance in order for it to be addressed.
- 7.4 Plunket supports flexibility in the workplace in order to achieve organisational requirements and outcomes. This takes into consideration Plunket's commitment to maintaining a work life balance.

## **8 CO-OPERATION, CONSULTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE**

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### **8.1 Cooperation:**

NZNO and Plunket accept that change in the health service is necessary in order to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of health services. They recognise a mutual interest in ensuring that health services are provided efficiently and effectively, and that each has a contribution to make in this regard.

Regular communication between Plunket, its Employees and NZNO is essential on substantive matters of mutual concern and interest. Effective communication between the parties will allow for:

- improved decision making
- greater cooperation between employer and employees; and
- a more harmonious, effective, efficient, safe, and productive workplace.

Plunket and NZNO agree that meetings will occur regularly between management and NZNO delegates. These meetings will enable effective operational and strategic communication and resolution of issues.

### **8.2 Consultation:**

Prior to any organisational change that may impact on staff covered by this Collective Agreement, Plunket will give reasonable notice to NZNO and those employees who may be affected to allow them to participate in the consultative process so as to allow substantive input.

Consultation is:

- the statement of a proposal not yet finally decided upon,
- listening to what others have to say,
- considering their responses and then deciding what will be done, more than mere prior notification

### **8.3 Principles of Consultation:**

NZNO and employees being consulted will be given sufficient opportunity to assess the information, express their view or to point to difficulties or problems, subject to the overall time constraints within which a decision needs to be made.

Sufficiently precise information will be given to enable NZNO, and employees being consulted to develop an informed response.

Plunket and NZNO will keep an open mind during consultation and be ready to change. Where changes are proposed, no changes will be made until after the necessary consultation has taken place.

Final decisions will be made by Plunket. Employees, NZNO and other stakeholders will be advised of the decisions in writing.

#### 8.4 Management of change:

An organisational change situation occurs when:

- Changes are made to organisational structures.
- Employees' positions no longer exist.
- The nature of employees' work is significantly altered or
- Changes to the location of position(s) need to take place.

Where Plunket receives an indication of potential significant changes, they undertake to advise staff and the NZNO as soon as practicable of the possibility of these changes. Plunket recognises the role of the employee delegates and the NZNO in assisting in the positive management of change.

#### 8.5 Process for managing change:

Each change situation needs to be managed in a way that:

- Meets the needs of the unique change situation.
- Achieves Plunket's strategic objectives.
- Ensures that the needs of employees are recognised and addressed where possible, and
- Employee's rights and entitlements are observed.

Where a decision has been made that will result in organisational change, Plunket will work with NZNO to develop procedures for management of the change that are in accordance with Plunket's legal obligations and its management of change policy, that supports but is not part of this Agreement. These procedures will normally include.

- Identification of employees in positions affected by change.
- A timetable for implementation.
- Provision of employee support.
- Placement of affected employees.
- Identification of options for unplaced employees

#### 8.6 Review and Update of Job Descriptions

It is acknowledged that duties, responsibilities and job requirements from time to time may be altered or require updating, as processes, systems and other improvements are identified and implemented. It is also acknowledged that up to date and accurate job descriptions are an important communication tool within the employment relationship.

Where the nature of the employees' work is significantly altered then a management of change process will be followed as per clause 8.4.

Where the nature of the employees' work is not being significantly altered Plunket reserves the right to review and update job descriptions periodically to ensure they accurately reflect the duties, responsibilities, and requirements of each position within the organisation.

Prior to implementing any changes to job descriptions, Plunket will consult with the affected employees and NZNO to discuss the proposed updates and consider any feedback or concerns. Proposed updates will be provided in writing and employees and NZNO will be given a reasonable opportunity to provide feedback.

Plunket will provide written notification to employees of any changes to their job descriptions, along with a reasonable explanation of the reasons for the changes and how they impact the employee's role.

Updated job descriptions will be documented and maintained in the employee's file. Employees will have access to their current job description upon request.

In the event of a disagreement regarding changes to a job description, employees have the right to raise their concerns through the established 'raising other problems' procedure outlined in this agreement (Clause 49.2).

Plunket, NZNO and employees agree to work together in good faith to resolve any disputes promptly and fairly.

#### 8.7 Introducing New Roles

Adherence to the Co-operation, Consultation and Management of Change clause (8) when introducing new roles. Specifically including the Nurse Prescribing and Nurse Practitioner roles.

Scoping and evaluation of a new Lactation Consultant role in consultation with NZNO that allows for the recruitment of persons who are not Registered Nurses but hold the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) credential to hold this position. This will also ensure those who are undertaking Lactation Consultant work as the sole focus of their role, have a job description reflective of the work they are completing.

## 9. HOURS OF WORK

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### 9.1 Standard Hours:

Plunket recognises the need to ensure that the hours employees work do not adversely affect them or their partner, family and/or dependants. It is important that there is a relationship of trust and accountability between Employees and their manager to ensure that Plunket is able to operate to meet changing business and customer needs and Employees are able to meet their responsibilities outside work.

- a) Unless at the request of the employee, and with the approval of the employer, an employee's two days off shall be consecutive;
- b) The hours of work shall be continuous unless otherwise mutually agreed.
- c) For all employees except Senior Nurses and Family Start employees, the ordinary hours of work shall be 76 hours per fortnight, worked on not more than ten days. Standard hours of work shall be 7 hours 36 minutes in any one day.

For Senior Nurses and Family Start employees, an employee's hours of work shall be 80 hours per fortnight. It may, however, be necessary for Employees to work outside of these hours in order to meet the requirements of the position. No overtime shall be paid.

However, an employee and their manager may agree to individual working hours arrangements, with such arrangements recorded in writing. In addition, employees may be able to vary start and finishing times on a flexible basis over a standard fortnight, subject to agreement with their manager and having regard to business need. Unless given prior approval by their manager, a full-time employee working on a flexible basis will not work less than 5 hours, or more than 10 hours in any one day.

- d) The hours of work may be worked on Monday-Saturday inclusive.
- e) An employee's days of work may not be changed unless it is mutually agreed in writing.

### 9.2 PlunketLine Hours (applicable to PlunketLine nurses working shifts):

- (a) Unless at the request of the employee, and with the approval of the employer, an employee's two days off shall be consecutive;
- (b) The hours of work shall be continuous unless otherwise mutually agreed.
- (c) PlunketLine employees shall negotiate with the PlunketLine Manager shifts not exceeding 8 hours in accordance with the conditions in clauses 9.2 (a) 9.2 (b) and 10.
- (d) Changes to nominated shifts can be made by verbal agreement between the PlunketLine employee and the PlunketLine Manager.
- (e) PlunketLine employees shall nominate the days and hours they are available to be on call and will make themselves available as required during these times to cover for sickness, accidents etc.

## 10. BREAKS

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### 10.1 Rest and Meal Breaks:

An employee shall have breaks for the following work periods:

- (a) Two hours but not more than four hours:  
One ten-minute paid rest break; to be taken at such time as agreed between the employee and their manager, or in the absence of such agreement to be taken in so far as practicable in the middle of the work period.
- (b) More than four hours but not more than six hours:  
One ten minute paid rest break and one 30 minute (unpaid) meal break; to be taken at such time as agreed between the employee and their manager, but in the absence of such agreement and in so far as practicable the rest break is to be taken one third of the way through the work period, and the meal break to be taken two thirds of the way through the work period.
- (c) More than six hours but not more than eight hours:  
Two ten minute paid rest breaks and one 30 minute (unpaid) meal break; to be taken at such time as agreed between the employee and their manager, but in the absence of such agreement and in so far as practicable the meal break is to be taken in the middle of the work period and the rest breaks half way between the start of work and meal break and then half way between the meal break and finish of work.
- (d) More than eight hours:  
The same breaks as specified in (c) and the breaks specified in (a) and (b) as if the employee's work period had started at the end of the eight hour.

Note that the above work periods are deemed to be inclusive of all authorised rest breaks and meal breaks.

PlunketLine nurse employees who work the night shift (11pm - 7am) and are unable to be relieved so that they can have a meal break shall be entitled to have a meal while on duty and this period shall be regarded as working time paid at the appropriate rate (i.e., the rate payable at that time).

- (a) For each shift, one 15-minute rest break shall be provided for PlunketLine employees. For shifts of six hours or longer, another paid rest break of 10 to 15 minutes shall be provided.

### 10.2 Breastfeeding facilities and breaks

Plunket shall ensure, so far as practicable given Plunket's operational requirements and resources, that appropriate facilities are to be provided in the workplace for an employee who wishes to breastfeed in the workplace and that appropriate breaks are provided for this. Such breaks are to be paid only on agreement between the employee and their manager and are in addition to the breaks outlined in 10.1 above unless otherwise agreed between the employee and their manager.

## 11. REMUNERATION

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### 11.1 Statements of Intent:

(a) Plunket accepts that for Clinical Leaders pay parity with the NZNO/Te Whatu Ora Collective Agreement Senior Nurse Scale Grade 3 (formerly Grade 5) represents an appropriate benchmark. Plunket will continue to work towards achieving this goal.

(b) Plunket accepts that for Clinical Quality Advisor and National Educator positions pay parity with the NZNO/Te Whatu Ora Collective Agreement Senior Nurse Scale Grade 2-3 (formerly Grade 4-5) represents an appropriate benchmark. Plunket will continue to work towards achieving this goal.

(c) Plunket accepts that for Registered Nurses pay parity with the NZNO/Te Whatu Ora Collective Agreement Registered Nurse Scale Grade 1 - 7 represents an appropriate benchmark. Plunket will continue to work towards achieving this goal. Effective 1 July 2023 Registered Nurses on Step 8 will translate to Step 7.

(d) Plunket accepts that for Clinical Staff other than the Senior Nurses specified above, pay parity with the NZNO/Te Whatu Ora Collective Agreement rates represents an appropriate benchmark and will continue to work towards achieving this goal.

(e) Plunket accepts that for Administrative positions covered by this Collective Agreement pay parity with the Strategic Pay Health Sector Market Median represents an appropriate benchmark and will continue to work towards achieving this goal.

### 11.2 General:

All wages shall be paid at two weekly intervals by direct credit. Upon termination, employees shall be paid by direct credit, once confirmation of hours worked during the final pay period has been received.

Plunket shall be entitled to make a rateable deduction from the wage of an employee for absence due to default of the employee or for sickness in excess of paid sick leave entitlement. A rateable deduction may occur where an employee fails to complete and furnish a correctly completed time sheet, provided Plunket shall communicate with that employee before making that rateable deduction.

### 11.3 Administrative Employees only:

On appointment, Plunket shall place employees on the relevant step of the relevant scale, taking into account the following factors:

- (a) previous relevant work and life experience
- (b) degree of difficulty in recruiting for specific skills and/or experience required for the position.

### 11.4 Progression:

For all employees other than Senior Nurses, 'year' means 12 months employment in the capacity concerned (including any period of holiday or other approved leave of absence) and progression is therefore on an annual basis for automatic steps for both part time and fulltime employees.

For Senior Nurses movement through the steps for all roles covered by this Collective Agreement shall be annual, subject to satisfactory performance which will be assumed to be the case unless an Employee is otherwise advised.

11.5 Scales:

Appointment to a position on the relevant wage scale shall be at the discretion of Plunket subject to meeting the specified criteria in the collective agreement related to particular occupational groups.

**Note:** the per annum salaries shown in the scales are calculated based on a 38-hour working week for the below roles. For the purpose of calculating hourly rates, Plunket divides the annual salary by 1976.

**Note:** As of 20 September 2023, the Senior Administrator pay scale will cease at 2 December 2024, there are no longer any employees in this role.

<b>Administration Team Leader (ATL)/ Regional Support Team Leader</b>		
<b>Step</b>	<b>2 December 2024</b>	
	<i>Per annum</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
1	\$59,584	\$30.15
2	\$63,077	\$31.92
3	\$66,600	\$33.70
4	\$70,096	\$35.47
5	\$73,440	\$37.17
6	\$77,114	\$39.03
7	\$80,609	\$40.79

<b>Administrator</b>		
<b>Step</b>	<b>2 December 2024</b>	
	<i>Per annum</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
1	\$54,933	\$27.80
2	\$55,568	\$28.12
3	\$56,455	\$28.57
4	\$58,390	\$29.55
5	\$59,974	\$30.35

Community Karitane / Plunket Kaiāwhina		
Step	2 December 2024	
	<i>Per annum</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
1	\$54,933	\$27.80
2	\$56,670	\$28.68
3	\$60,298	\$30.51
4	\$63,012	\$31.89

### Registered Nurse

Registered Nurse appointments shall be based on previous experience, knowledge and skills as a Registered Nurse or midwife.

On appointment, the employer shall place employees on any step of the relevant scale, taking into account the following factors:

- (i) previous nursing/midwifery experience or other relevant work and life experience - the employer may credit this service;
- (ii) qualification equivalency for role;
- (iii) degree of difficulty in recruiting for specific skills and/or experience required for the position.

Registered Nurse Plunket	Step	Experience required as a Registered Nurse/Midwife
1		New Graduate or Registered Nurse/Midwife with less than one years' experience
2		Registered Nurse/Midwife with between 1 and 2 years' experience
3		Registered Nurse/Midwife with between 2 and 3 years' experience
4		Registered Nurse/Midwife with between 3 and 4 years' experience
5		Registered Nurse/Midwife with between 4 and 5 years' experience.
6		Must have been on Step 5 for a minimum of 12 months at anniversary date
7		Must have been on Step 6 for a minimum of 12 months at anniversary date

Progression

Steps 1- 5: By annual increment at anniversary date.

Steps 6 - 7: By annual increment at anniversary date, subject to satisfactory performance which will be assumed to be the case unless the employee is otherwise advised.

<b>Registered Nurse</b>		
<b>Step</b>	<b>2 December 2024</b>	
	<i>Per annum</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
1	\$64,924	\$32.86
2	\$70,279	\$35.57
3	\$74,661	\$37.78
4	\$78,883	\$39.92
5	\$87,646	\$44.36
6	\$90,274	\$45.69
7	\$92,982	\$47.06
8	\$92,982	\$47.06

**Note:** the per annum salaries shown in the scales below are calculated based on a 40-hour working week for the below roles. For the purpose of calculating hour rate, Plunket divides the annual salary by 2080.

In the absence of RPL, the Postgraduate Certificate in Primary Healthcare Nursing (Well Child Tamariki Ora) must be successfully completed within 18 months of starting employment at Plunket or within a negotiated timeframe agreed with your Manager.

<b>Clinical Leader</b>		
<b>Step</b>	<b>2 December 2024</b>	
	<i>Per annum</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
1	\$109,437	\$52.61
2	\$113,215	\$54.43
3	\$120,495	\$57.93

<b>Clinical Quality Advisor/National Educator</b>		
<b>Step</b>	<b>2 December 2024</b>	
	<i>Per annum</i>	<i>Per hour</i>
1	\$103,778	\$49.89
2	\$107,552	\$51.71
3	\$114,666	\$55.13
4	\$116,982	\$56.24
5	\$120,495	\$57.93

In addition, Plunket agrees to pass on any additional pay parity/disparity funding received. If additional funding is received in relation to remuneration rates prior to 1 July 2025, Plunket agrees to notify NZNO and initiate discussions.

<b>Family Start – Family Workers (Non-Registered)</b>	
<b>Step</b>	<b>1 July 2024*</b>
	<i>Per annum</i>
1	\$58,964.33
2	\$63,500.52
3	\$68,037.77
4	\$74,839.35
5	\$77,107.21

<b>Family Start – Family Workers (Registered)</b>	
<b>Step</b>	<b>1 July 2024*</b>
	<i>Per annum</i>
3*	\$68,037.77
4	\$74,839.35
5	\$77,107.21
6	\$81,642.92
7	\$86,178.64
8	\$90,713.36
9	\$95,250.08
10	\$102,000.00

\* Step 3 – Supported Practice Step

\*Noting no uplift to rates have been provided by Oranga Tamariki for Family Start as at the date of this document.

<b>Family Start – Team Leader (Registered)</b>	
<b>Step</b>	<b>1 July 2024</b>
	<i>Per annum</i>
9	\$95,250.08
10	\$102,000.00
11	\$104,321.51
12	\$108,857.23
13	\$113,392.90
14	\$117,928.60
15	\$122,464.30

If additional funding is received in relation to remuneration rates prior to 1 July 2025, Plunket agrees to notify NZNO and initiate discussions.

### Occupational Therapist

New Occupational Therapist appointments shall be based on previous experience, knowledge and skills as a Registered Occupational Therapist.

Occupational Therapist Plunket Step	Experience required as an Occupational Therapist
1	New graduate and less than 1 year experience
2	Bachelor in OT and between 1 - 2 years of experience
3	Bachelor in OT and between 2 – 3 years of experience
4	Bachelor in OT and between 3 – 4 years of experience
5	Bachelor in OT and between 4 – 5 years of experience
6	Bachelor in OT and between 5 – 6 years of experience
7	Bachelor in OT and 7 years plus of experience

The per annum salaries shown in the scales below are calculated based on a 40-hour working week. To calculate hourly rates, Plunket divides the annual salary by 2080.

Occupational Therapists		
Step	2 December 2024	<i>Per hour</i>
	<i>Per annum</i>	
1	\$70,290	\$33.79
2	\$74,672	\$35.90
3	\$78,895	\$37.93
4	\$80,894	\$38.89
5	\$82,924	\$39.86
6	\$84,939	\$40.83
7	\$87,070	\$41.86

## 11.6 Job Evaluation:

Where a position does not have an agreed benchmark or a new position is created which fits within coverage, the parties have agreed to evaluate the position using a job evaluation framework and remunerate accordingly.

- a) Plunket and NZNO will use the existing Job Evaluation Committee for evaluation of job roles.
- b) Roles will be evaluated by the Committee and placed in Plunket's job evaluation framework.
- c) Where there is not already an agreed appropriate benchmark, Plunket and NZNO will need to agree on this.
- d) Jobs can then be evaluated against each other.
- e) Achieving salary scales consistent with the evaluation and market comparator will be dependent on affordability.

Where an employee or a group of employees or Plunket believes that their position or the responsibilities of the position have changed, they may request that the Job Evaluation Committee review the position using the job evaluation framework. The person raising the request will need to provide information to the JEC that clearly sets out the changes that have occurred in the role with the manager's approval.

Further information can be found in Plunket's Job Evaluation Framework which supports but does not form part of this Collective Agreement.

## 12 PENAL RATES

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### 12.1 PlunketLine Nurse Employees only:

The following conditions shall apply in accordance with wage scales in Clause 11.5 of this agreement.

- a) work completed between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday ordinary time.
- b) work completed between the hours of 6pm and 11 pm Monday to Thursday time and 40%
- c) work completed between the hours of 11pm and 8am Monday to Friday time and 50%
- d) work completed between the hours of 6pm Friday and 8am Monday time and 50%
- e) Hours worked on a Public Holiday will be paid at T2 plus an alternative holiday.

### 12.2 Plunket employees (excluding PlunketLine):

The following conditions shall apply in accordance with wage scales in Clause 11.5 of this agreement.

- (a) work completed on Saturday - time and 50%
- (b) Hours worked on a Public Holiday will be paid at T2 plus an alternative holiday.

## 13 OVERTIME

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### 13.1 All employees other than Senior Nurses:

12.1.1 All employees other than Senior Nurses shall be paid overtime where such overtime has been authorised in writing by the Clinical Services Manager or in the case of National office employees the relevant Business Unit Manager.

#### (a) All employees other than PlunketLine employees

Where required by the Employer, all time for employees other than PlunketLine employees, in excess of 38 hours in any week, or outside of the days specified in 10.1 (d) shall count as overtime. All time in excess of 7 hours 36 minutes in any day, unless mutually agreed otherwise in writing shall count as overtime, except where any additional hours fall

within an employee's agreed individual hours of work, or are worked as a result of the employee working flexibly in accordance with clause 10.1.(c).

**(b) PlunketLine Employees**

Where required by Plunket all time in excess of 40 hours in any week shall count as overtime. All time in excess of 8 hours in any day, unless mutual agreed otherwise in writing shall count as overtime

- 13.1.2 Overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time and 50%. Employees shall have the ability to take equivalent time in lieu. Where time in lieu is the chosen option, it must be taken within a month of it falling due. Time in lieu may not exceed 1 day in a normal fortnight and can only be taken if it has been applied for in advance and received prior approval.
- 13.1.3 Where an employee is required to attend a meeting outside normal work hours such as a meeting of a branch/sub-branch of Plunket, a Māori Women's Welfare League meeting ora Kohanga Reo meeting, Plunket shall grant to the employee time in lieu of up to 1.5 hours. This time would normally be taken within one month of being earned and as agreed between the employee and their manager. This time in lieu shall be calculated at the rate of a half or one hour of time in lieu for each half or hour of time attended at the meeting.
- 13.1.4 Where an employee is required to travel in excess of their normal travel time to and from work in order to attend authorised in service education or as required in clause 13.1.3 above, approval shall be granted for such time to be taken in lieu, normally within the next month and as agreed between the employee and their manager. Such time in lieu shall be calculated at the rate of a half or one hour in lieu for each half or hour of travel and is in addition to time in lieu earned in clause 13.1.3.

**13.2 Senior Nurses:**

The remuneration set out in 11.5 will fully compensate Employees for all time worked and duties performed under this Collective Agreement.

Employees are not eligible for the payment of overtime irrespective of the number of hours worked or the day upon which work is carried out.

## **14 ON CALL/CALL BACK RATES**

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**14.1 On Call:**

In the interests of healthy rostering practices, the parties agree that the allocation of on-call time should be spread as evenly as practicable amongst those required to participate in an on-call roster.

- a) Where an employee is instructed to be on call during normal off duty hours, an on-call allowance of \$8.00 per hour shall be paid. On Public Holidays, the on-call allowance will be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.
- b) The on-call allowance is payable for all hours the employee shall be required to remain on-call including time covering an actual call out.
- c) Unless by mutual agreement or in emergencies, no employee shall be required to remain on call for more than 40% of the employees off-duty time in any three-weekly period.
- d) An employee who is required to be on call and report to duty within 20 minutes shall have access to a cell phone.

**14.2 Call Backs to place of work:**

Rate: Call-back is considered overtime and will be paid at the following overtime rates.

- Hours worked from midnight Sunday/Monday to midnight the following Friday shall be paid at time and 50% for the first three hours and at double time thereafter.
- Hours worked from 2200-0600 Sunday to Friday, or from midnight Friday to midnight

Sunday/Monday, or on a public holiday shall be calculated at double time.

Minimum payment: An employee shall be paid for a minimum of three hours, or for actual working and travelling time, whichever is the greater, when the employee:

- Is called back to work after completing the day's work or duty, and having left the place of work; or
- Is called back before the normal time of starting work and does not continue working until such normal starting time;

Transport: Where an employee is called back to work outside the employee's normal hours of duty in respect of work which could not be foreseen or prearranged, Plunket shall reimburse the employee the actual and reasonable travelling expenses incurred in travelling from the employee's place of residence to the relevant Plunket premises, or from the Plunket premises to the employee's place of residence or both travelling to and from the relevant Plunket premises.

Where an employee is "on call" the allowance set out in clause 14.1 (a) above will be paid.

#### 14.3 Senior Nurses only: Call Backs via phone call:

Rate: Call-back is considered overtime and will be paid at the following overtime rates:

- Hours worked from midnight Sunday/Monday to midnight the following Friday shall be paid at time and 50% for the first three hours and at double time thereafter.
- Hours worked from 2200-0600 Sunday to Friday, or from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday/Monday or on a public holiday shall be calculated at double time.

Minimum payment: An Employee shall be paid for a minimum of one hour for any phone call/s and resulting work that is required to be undertaken within that hour and further if the phone call/s results in working continuously in excess of that same one hour then the Employee shall be paid in additional half hour intervals following when the Employee:

- Is called back after completing the day's work or duty, and having left the place of work;  
or
- Is called back before the normal time of starting work and does not continue working until such normal starting time;

Where an Employee is "on call" the allowance set out in clause 14.1 (a) will be paid.

#### 14.4 Weekend and Public Holidays work:

The following conditions shall apply in accordance with the wage scales in clause 11.5 of this Collective Agreement should Employees be required to perform their normal duties at the weekend.

- a) Work completed on a Saturday will be paid at time and 50%.
- b) work completed on a public holiday will be paid at double time plus an alternative holiday.

### **15. HIGHER DUTIES ALLOWANCE**

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- 15.1 Any Employee who is required in writing to undertake and carry out the responsibility of a higher-level position for five or more consecutive working days, shall be paid the difference between their current rate and the minimum rate for the higher position for every day they hold the position.
- 15.2 The allowance payable shall be at the manager's discretion depending on the nature of the duties or responsibilities.
- 15.3 The purpose of a higher/special duties allowance is to ensure that employees are recognised when substantially undertaking the duties and responsibilities of higher graded position, or when

they are undertaking significant additional or special duties and responsibilities.

- 15.4 Payment of a higher duties allowance will be regarded as salary for the purposes of calculating all other types of allowances.
- 15.5 Higher duties assignments should not normally extend beyond a 12-month period.

## **16 SHIFT COORDINATOR ALLOWANCE - PLUNKETLINE ONLY**

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- 16.1 From 20 September 2023 an allowance of \$3 per hour will be paid to a Registered Nurse where they are rostered into the shift coordinator role (excluding unpaid breaks). Shift coordinator duties are to be completed as outlined in the Shift Coordinator guidelines.
- i. The allowance will not be paid where a designated Clinical Leader or Administrator is already carrying out the role and functions of shift coordination.
  - ii. For clarity, the allowance is applicable only to PlunketLine and is only applicable for hours worked as per the shift coordinator roster.

## **17 AUTHORISED EXPENSES**

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- 17.1 Plunket will reimburse Employees for all actual and reasonable authorised expenses incurred in the course of employment. Plunket will make this reimbursement upon the presentation and acceptance of receipts.
- 17.2 Employees may be required to work at locations or undertake training away from their normal place of work. When traveling away for business, Employees may make a request for advance expenses and receipts will be required for all expenditure.
- 17.3 Employees provided with a Plunket vehicle, may not claim reimbursement of expenses involving private motor vehicles unless prior written approval of Plunket is obtained. Where an employee is authorised to use their own car for Plunket business that Employee shall be reimbursed for such use at Inland Revenue rates current at that time. Plunket will not reimburse Employees for travel to and from home or for any costs associated with traffic offences or parking infringement notices.
- 17.4 Reimbursement of expenses will be completed by the 20th of the following month, provided the employee submits their claim within five days of the end of the current month.

Plunket reserves the right to set appropriate limits for reimbursement of travel costs, but clearly Informing Employees of expense guidelines.

## **18 REFUND OF ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE**

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- 18.1 The annual cost of the Registered Nurse Annual Practising Certificate issued by the Nursing Council of New Zealand shall be refunded by Plunket to all registered nurses requiring an annual practising certificate in order to be employed, upon sighting of the Annual Practising Certificate by the Clinical Services Manager/Regional Operations Manager
- 18.2 All requests for reimbursement of APC must be made within 12 months of the invoice being received by the employee. Submissions for payment after this period will not be accepted.

## **19 USE OF PLUNKET VEHICLES**

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- 19.1 Plunket and its Employees will work together to ensure that vehicles are used in the most efficient way possible and to effectively deliver services to customers.
- 19.2 Where Employees are provided with a motor vehicle by Plunket, it is on the basis that it is required for the fulfilment of their duties.

- 19.3 Plunket and an individual employee may agree that the employee can use a Plunket vehicle to travel to and from work and/or for limited personal use where this meets a business need (e.g., garaging of a Plunket vehicle is not available).
- 19.4 All employees other than Senior Nurses
- (a) Such use will be with the express permission of Plunket and may be revoked or amended at Plunket's sole discretion. Employees will be given two months' notice of any change to enable them to make alternative arrangements. This provision does not apply to employees who have the use of a vehicle as an explicit term in their letter of appointment.
- 19.5 Senior Nurses:
- (a) Such use will be with the express permission of Plunket. Any such arrangement regarding the use of a Plunket motor vehicle is subject to change in accordance with (b) below except where it is explicitly stated in writing to be a term and condition of employment, or where there is evidence of a mutual understanding between Plunket and the employee that this formed part of their terms and conditions of employment.
- (b) Where Plunket proposes to alter or revoke any arrangement as per clause (a) above, consultation as per clause 8 of the Collective Agreement will occur prior to Plunket making a final decision. This will include consideration of all of the circumstances, including the employee's views. Once a final decision is made, reasonable notice of not less than 2 months of any change will be provided to the employee to enable them to make alternative arrangements.

## **20 ANNUAL HOLIDAYS**

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- 20.1 All employees other than Senior Nurses shall be entitled to an annual holiday of 4 weeks taken and paid in accordance with the provisions of the Holidays Act 2003 and its amendments. Part time employees' holidays shall be on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.2 Senior nurses shall be entitled to an annual holiday of 4.6 weeks taken and paid in accordance with the provisions of the Holidays Act 2003 and its amendments. Part time Employees' holidays shall be on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.3 From 13 September 2019, on the completion of five years' current continuous service with Plunket each employee shall be entitled to 5 weeks annual leave per annum. Part-time employees' holidays shall be on a pro-rata basis. For employees who have already completed five years' current continuous service with Plunket as at 13 September 2019, the rate of accrual will be 5 weeks from 13 September 2019.
- 20.4 All employees employed by Plunket as at the 31st day of July 1992 shall be allowed one additional special holiday known as a Plunket Day to be taken as directed by Plunket. The Plunket Day leave will be taken in the year it falls due and will not be accumulated. This special holiday shall not apply in respect of any employees employed by Plunket after the 31st of July 1992. This holiday shall be pro-rata for part-timers.
- 20.5 Employees may take their leave as it accrues and are expected to take annual leave within one year of becoming entitled to it.
- 20.6 Wherever possible, Employees should schedule leave for times that will cause the least disruption to work requirements.

## **21 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

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Employees are entitled to public holidays provided these fall on days normally worked by the Employee, as provided for in the Holidays Act 2003.

The following days shall be observed as whole holidays, in addition to annual leave:

New Year's Day

The day after New Year's Day

Provincial Anniversary Day

Waitangi Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday

ANZAC Day

Reigning Sovereign's Birthday

Matariki

Labour Day

Christmas Day

Boxing Day

Where a statutory holiday falls on a day that a part time employee would normally expect to work, the Employee shall be paid the usual earning for that day of the week. Part-time staff shall not be paid for any such holiday which falls on a day of the week which they do not normally work provided that where a public holiday falls on a rostered day off of a five day per week employee, that employee shall be granted an alternative day's holiday paid at the relevant daily pay for each such holiday.

## **22 LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

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- 22.1 Application for leave without pay may be granted at the discretion of Plunket to a maximum of 30 working days. Leave without pay approval shall be given in writing by the employee's manager. Approval for this leave shall not be unreasonably withheld. Applications for leave without pay may be granted in excess of 30 working days on the basis that accrual of services-related entitlements such as annual leave cease for periods in excess of 30 working days.

## **23 SHIFT LEAVE**

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- 23.1 PlunketLine nurse employees who work the night shift (11 pm - 7am) shall be entitled to up to five (5) days additional leave per annum based on the number of qualifying shifts worked. The entitlement will be calculated on the annual leave anniversary date and will be based on the following:

<b>Number of Qualifying Shifts per annum</b>	<b>Number of days additional leave per annum</b>
121 or more	5 days
96-120	4 days
71-95	3 days
46-70	2 days
21-45	1 day

## 24 SICK/DOMESTIC LEAVE

24.1 From the date of commencement of their employment, and annually on the anniversary of that date thereafter, employees are entitled to up to fifteen days sick/domestic leave paid in accordance with the Holidays Act 2003. Sick/domestic leave shall accumulate up to a maximum 60 days by carrying forward from one year to another any unused sick/domestic leave up to 50 days.

24.2 The sick/domestic leave entitlement is given below:

Number of days worked per week on a regular basis	Number of days sick/domestic leave per 12 month period	Maximum number of days of unused sick/domestic leave able to be accumulated
5 or more	15	60
4	14	48
3	13	36
2	12	30
1	10	30

24.3 The entitlement set out in clauses 24.1 and 24.2 will not form part of any benefit payable on termination of the employee's employment.

24.4 Where sick/domestic leave occurs during paid leave such as annual leave or long service leave, such leave will be debited against the employee's available sick leave entitlement, upon application by the employee.

24.5 Sick/domestic leave pay for a day shall be calculated in accordance with the number of hours normally worked by that employee on the day of absence.

24.6 An employee will notify their manager on the first day of absence due to illness and where practicable within one hour of the employee's normal commencement time.

24.7 With respect to sick leave provided in section 65(2) of the Holidays Act 2003 - For a period of 3 or more consecutive days absence a medical certificate may be required by Plunket in respect to sick leave.

24.8 Where an employee must attend a sick dependent child, partner or relative, leave on full pay shall be granted as a charge against the employee's sick/domestic leave entitlement.

24.9 Employees are entitled to take 1 day in accordance with Plunket's Well Health Day Policy. This is a day which can be booked in advance to attend personal business and is deducted from Sick Entitlement. This cannot be accumulated, and the entitlement is given to employees on their anniversary date.

24.10 Plunket may at its expense require an employee to undergo a medical examination by a registered medical practitioner agreed with the employee in circumstances where:

- a) Plunket requires a medical clearance for an employee who has had an extended period of absence due to a medical condition: or
- b) Plunket has reasonable grounds to believe an employee's medical condition is having a detrimental impact upon an employee's ability to perform their duties.

A copy of any medical report furnished by such medical practitioners shall be available to both parties.

## **25 SPECIAL LEAVE**

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- 25.1 In the event of significant illness and/or trauma (which may include but is not limited to unplanned surgery, terminal illness, mental illness or stress) to an employee or an employee's dependent, paid special leave is available on a discretionary basis with General Manager approval, if all available sick leave entitlement has been exhausted and no more than 12 months of annual leave entitlement is accrued.

## **26 ACCIDENT LEAVE**

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- 26.1 Where an employee suffers an injury whilst operating a motor vehicle during the course of their employment that injury shall be treated as a work-related injury. In particular the earnings-related compensation for the first week's absence shall be the responsibility of Plunket.

## **27 BEREAVEMENT/TANGIHANGA LEAVE**

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- 27.1 Plunket shall approve bereavement leave on pay for an employee to discharge their obligation and/or to pay their respects to a deceased person/tupapaku with whom they have had a close association. Such obligations may exist because of whakapapa or family ties or because of cultural requirements such as attendance at all or part of a tangihanga (or its equivalent).
- 27.2 In granting paid time *off* over and above provisions of the Holidays Act 2003, the employer must administer these provisions in a sensitive manner, taking into account contextual cultural requirements, including but not limited to:
- i. The closeness of the association between the employee and the deceased, which does not need to be a blood relationship.
  - ii. Whether the employee has to take significant responsibility for any or all of the arrangements to do with ceremonies resulting from the death.
  - iii. The amount of time needed to properly discharge any responsibilities or obligations, including travel.
- 27.3 If the employee is absent on annual leave, sick leave on pay, or "time off" on pay (i.e. time *off* in lieu of overtime or a public holiday as distinct from "special leave on pay") leave may be interrupted and bereavement leave granted.
- 27.4 Following the loss of a pregnancy through miscarriage or stillbirth, section 27.1 shall apply.

## **28 LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

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- 28.1 Employees with 10 years or less continuous service with Plunket as at 6 July 2021 are entitled to one special holiday of one week after the completion of 10 years of continuous service. This week does not have to be taken consecutively but is to be exhausted before the completion of 15 years of service when the employee becomes eligible for a further special holiday of one week. Employees shall be entitled to a further one special holiday of two weeks after the completion of 20, 25 and 30 years' continuous service and after every subsequent completion of five years' service based on the terms above.
- 28.2 Employees with over 10 years' (10 years+ 1 day) continuous service with Plunket as at 6 July 2021 will have their previous long service leave entitlements grandparented. These employees will receive one special holiday of two weeks after the completion of 15 years' continuous service. These two weeks do not have to be taken consecutively but are to be exhausted before the completion of 20 years' service and becoming eligible for a further special holiday. Employees shall be entitled to a further one special holiday of two weeks after the completion of 20, 25 and 30 years' continuous service and after every subsequent completion of five years' service based on the terms above.  
The calculation will be based on hours worked and salary at the time leave is taken. Any balance owing on resignation to a maximum of two weeks shall be paid to the employee.

## **29 PARENTAL LEAVE**

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29.1 The provisions of the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987 ('the Act') and any subsequent amendments or Act passed in substitution thereof shall apply.

29.2 From 1 June 2024, where an employee takes parental leave under this clause, meets the eligibility criteria in the Act and is in receipt of the statutory paid parental leave payment in accordance with the provisions of the Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987, the employer shall pay the employee the difference between the weekly statutory payment and the equivalent weekly value of the employee's base salary (pro rata if less than full-time) for a period of up to 18 weeks.

These payments will be paid in 2 separate payments and shall be calculated at the base rate (pro rata if appropriate) applicable to the employee for the 6 weeks immediately prior to commencement of parental leave. 9 weeks will be paid at the commencement of the parental leave period with the remaining 9 weeks paid in a lump sum as an ex-gratia payment after the employee has returned to employment for a period of 3 months.

These payments shall only be made in respect of the period for which the employee is on parental leave and in receipt of the statutory payment if this is less than 18 weeks.

29.3 An employee who takes a period of paid leave (e.g., annual leave) at the start of his or her parental leave may elect to start his or her parental leave payment period on the day after the date on which that period of paid leave ends, even if it is later than the child's arrival or due date.

29.4 Where both partners are employed by Plunket, the paid parental leave top-up will be made to only one employee, being the employee who has primary care of the child.

## **30 LEAVE FOR JURY SERVICE**

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30.1 An employee called for jury service may elect to take annual leave, leave on pay, or leave without pay. Where annual leave or leave without pay is taken or where jury service is performed during the employee's off duty hours, the employee may retain the juror's fees and expenses paid.

30.2 Where leave on pay is granted, the employee is to pay the fees received to Plunket but shall retain the expenses.

30.3 Where leave on pay is granted, it is only in respect of time spent on jury service, including reasonable travelling time. Any time during normal working hours when the employee is not required by the Court, the employee is to report back to work where this is reasonable and practical.

30.4 On receipt of the call to jury service the employee shall notify their manager of the time and date of such service.

## **31 EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS EDUCATION LEAVE**

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31.1 Plunket shall grant leave on pay for employees to attend courses authorised by NZNO to facilitate the employee's education and training as employee representatives in the workplace.

31.2 The number of education leave days granted is based on the following formula.

<b>FTE eligible employees as at 01 August each year</b>	<b>Maximum number of days of employment relations education leave that we are entitled to allocate as a union</b>
1 - 5	3
6 - 50	5
51 - 280	1 day for every 8 FTE eligible employees or part of that number
281 or more	35 days plus 5 days for every 100 FTE eligible employees or part of that number that exceeds 280

31.3 For the purposes of this clause, calculating the number of full-time equivalent eligible employees employed by an employer - an eligible employee who normally works 30 hours or more during a week is to be counted as 1; an eligible employee who normally works less than 30 hours during a week is to be counted as one-half.

31.4 The NZNO shall send a copy of the programme for the course and the name of employees attending at least 14 consecutive days prior to the course commencing.

31.5 The granting of such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld taking into account continuing service needs.

31.6 The provision of Part 7 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 shall apply where any provision or entitlement is not provided for or is greater than specified above.

## **32 RELIEF**

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32.1 Plunket is committed to providing adequate relief when staff are absent on leave.

32.2 Relief Model Principles

- a) An area Leave Plan will be developed on a 3 monthly basis to promote proactive planning by employees and management. (This shall not prevent individual leave applications being considered outside of this timeframe).
- b) An equitable and transparent Relief Model will be developed with employees in each area.
- c) An agreed relief plan will be developed for each employee's leave.
- d) Criteria for establishing relief cover are:
  - Ensure that Plunket's service requirements are met.
  - Employees have a manageable workload when they return from leave.
  - Continuity of care is maintained.
  - New baby cases are covered.
  - Home visiting is continued for those families in need.
  - Clinics are continued as appropriate.

### 32.3 Safe Staffing: Unanticipated Leave

Employees are not expected to manage caseload appointments when they have unanticipated leave.

During periods of unanticipated leave, employees will make contact with their line managers via phone or text. In response, Line Managers will review appointments and determine appropriate course of action which may include:

- Rebooking or cancelling clients (may utilize support services for this)
- Redistributing the workload.

Employees are required to share their calendars with support services so the above can be accessed and actioned when required. There may be some differences in regions depending on the local Support Services structures.

## 33 HEALTH & SAFETY

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- a) Plunket will provide and maintain a safe and healthy working environment.
- b) Employees will actively participate in maintaining a healthy and safe working environment and in promoting the ongoing provision of health and safety improvements in the workplace.
- c) Employees covered by this Collective Agreement acknowledge that they have an obligation to report to work in such a condition that they are able to perform duties properly and safely.
- d) If an employee has any concerns at all in respect to his/her safety and well-being or the safety and well-being of others, the employee shall report this to his/her manager immediately.
- e) All hazards identified by Employees in the workplace must be reported to Plunket so that appropriate action can be taken.
- f) All accidents and/or injuries that occur during the course of employment shall be reported to Plunket in writing as soon as practicable after the accident occurs.
- g) Plunket has in place a Health & Safety employee participation process which supports but does not form part of this Collective Agreement.
- h) Plunket agrees to continue to advocate for required and recommended vaccinations for our health workforce with both the Immunisation taskforce group (TWO) and also the Technical Advisory Group for Kahu Taurima once it is stood up.

## 34 SAFE STAFFING/ HEALTHY WORKPLACE

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### 34.1 Safe Staffing initiatives

Plunket is committed to a safe and healthy work environment and the parties agree to hold joint Healthy Workplace and Safe Staffing forums on agreed terms. We recognise that our way of working could be improved to better enable staff to take breaks, work reasonable hours and to be more engaged in those activities, particular to their role, that most benefit whanau. Our "way of working" includes systems and process, roles and responsibilities, behaviours and personal choice.

Both parties to work in collaboration to review the Terms of Reference (ToR) for Healthy Workplace and Safe Staffing meetings. These ToR are to include:

- a) Review of governance, membership, purpose, frequency, agenda structure, actions and outcomes.
- b) Inclusion of updates on all initiatives that are underway or planned that will impact on workloads and ensuring they are equitable, reasonable and safe.

#### 34.2 Safe Staffing: Vacancies

- a) Plunket will provide current vacancies and recruitment timelines at each Safe Staffing and Healthy Workplace meeting to increase the transparency of staffing levels. This information can also be provided at team meetings as is requested by staff or delegates in addition to the Safe Staffing meetings.
- b) It is expected that relief planning to cover vacancies, where that hasn't already been addressed by the manager, would also be discussed at Safe Staffing meetings and, where considered necessary, a business case for additional staffing made to the relevant manager.

#### 34.3 Safe Staffing: Strategic Decision Making

Plunket recognizes the importance of the role that NZNO plays in representing the views of members in respect of Safe Staffing and other workplace and work-related issues. Plunket also acknowledges the unique position of NZNO in needing to both contribute to strategic discussions and decisions, whilst also remaining independent of decision making in order to best advocate for members in that context.

### **35 FEES, COMMISSIONS AND EXPENSES**

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- 35.1 Any fees, commissions and expenses received from outside organisations on account of work done by the employee in the normal course of duties or arising from the appointment of the employee shall be refunded to Plunket (examples include remuneration for involvement in HFA, Hospital, or Ministry of Education working committees/parties; Child Protection Resource Panels etc).

### **36 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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- 36.1 During the course of the employee's employment with Plunket, employees will acquire, or have access to, confidential information concerning Plunket, Plunket clients, Plunket employees and Plunket business practices, techniques, and methods of operation. All employees acknowledge that any such confidential information acquired by the employee during the course of their employment remains at all times the property of Plunket and shall not be used or divulged, without the written consent of Plunket, to any third party either during the currency of their employment or at any time thereafter.
- 36.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the last preceding sub clause shall not in any way prohibit employees from discussing fully with the Police, the Department of Child Youth and Family, or any other authorised enforcement agency any aspect of a suspected case of child abuse or neglect or other related matter.

### **37 RESTRAINT OF TRADE**

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- 37.1 In the event that an employee leaves her/his employment with Plunket for any reason whatsoever, the employee specifically agrees not to approach or canvass Plunket's clients for the purpose of offering alternative care/services by herself/himself or on behalf of some other person, firm, corporation, or organisation with whom the employee has some connection, for a period of three months from the date of termination. This clause shall not apply to staff who have been made redundant.

## **38 SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT**

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- 38.1 Before undertaking employment elsewhere, the employee shall advise their Manager.

## **39 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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- 39.1 Employees agree that there are no contracts, restrictions or other matters which would interfere with their ability to discharge their obligations under this Collective Agreement.
- 39.2 If, while performing their duties and responsibilities, an employee becomes aware of any potential or actual conflict between their interests and those of Plunket, then the employee shall immediately inform their manager.
- 39.3 Where Plunket forms the view that such a conflict does or could exist, it may direct the employee to take action(s) to resolve that conflict, and the Employee will comply with that instruction.
- 39.4 When acting in their capacity as employee, employees shall not, either directly or indirectly, receive or accept for their own benefit or the benefit of any person or entity other than Plunket any gratuity, emolument, or payment of any kind from any person having or intending to have any business with Plunket.

## **40 WORKING WITH VOLUNTEERS**

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- 40.1 An important element of Plunket is the fact that it is made up of a substantial voluntary arm. Plunket and NZNO acknowledge that without the co-operation, assistance and support of the volunteer arm Plunket would be unable to achieve the goals set out in its mission statement.
- 40.2 Because working together with the volunteer arm is an integral and important component of employment for all employees, all employees undertake to work in partnership with volunteer members of the Plunket Trust and with any other person who may offer their service on a voluntary basis. Plunket and NZNO acknowledge that the same level of cooperation, assistance and support is required from Members of the Trust.

## **41 INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION**

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- 41.1 Plunket is committed to supporting professional development that advances practice and contributes to child health outcomes. Support for this education includes professional development leave of 32 hours per calendar year for all roles under the coverage of this collective agreement.

A minimum of 20 hours of professional development per annum or 60 hours across 3 years must be completed for roles requiring an Annual Practicing Certificate. These hours must be approved by the employer in accordance with the employer's policies and procedures and taking into account operational and service delivery requirements. These hours may include completion of role-specific educational requirements (including PG Certificate and NZCHWCHW), attendance at meetings, seminars or conferences as well as undertaking study, research, projects or e-learning relevant to the employer's business.

All professional development hours must be recorded electronically in the approved system to ensure an accurate record of professional development hours completed.

- 41.2 Plunket is committed to the ongoing education and training of its employees and is determined to be in the forefront of developments in child health. For these reasons Plunket requires its employees to keep abreast of professional and technical advances in the area of child health and development and specifically to:

- 41.3 Attend such staff meetings, including study days or courses as directed by Plunket. Such attendance will be paid time for employees.
- 41.4 All employees are required to undertake or participate in such research projects as have originated from Plunket's Clinical Services team. No employee shall undertake or participate in research projects that have not originated from Plunket's Clinical Services team unless such projects have been approved in writing by the Chief Executive Officer. All research proposals shall be approved by the Ethics Committee.
- 41.5 All data and other information produced by any research project undertaken by an employee during the continuance of their employment shall remain the property of Plunket.
- 41.6 Plunket and NZNO have agreed to a Professional Development Policy and Application process for employees to apply for additional professional development related to their role. Whilst Plunket may not be able to cover all expenses it endeavors to support employees with additional professional development as much as is affordable. This may mean a combination of or one of the following provisions: paid time off, paid attendance at the course, paid travel, and accommodation.
- 41.7 CPR training will be provided from 1 October 2019 when all staff have access to Te Mara - Plunket's learning management system. This CPR course will provide basic instruction on how to assess an unresponsive baby/child and provide CPR until an ambulance arrives. Completion of each course will require a quiz to assess knowledge, then a formal simulated exercise where the learner demonstrates the practical application of CPR with a designated person (for example a preceptor/first aider/educator/CQA or senior nurse). Further courses will be offered in Te Mara that build on knowledge and skills to support first aid management and recognition of the unwell child. Te Mara will provide a schedule of courses and requirements for updates.
- 41.8 Further information can be found in Plunket's Professional Development Policy which supports but does not form part of this Collective Agreement.

## 42 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMME (PDRP)

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42.1 In recognition of the importance of increasing the number of accomplished and proficient nurses, an employee who reaches the following levels will receive a pro-rata allowance as long as they maintain that level of practice. All levels of PDRP allowance shall be added to the base rate of pay, be payable on all hours worked and shall attract penal rates and overtime. The rates of these allowances are as follows:

a) Plunket Nurse

	Hourly	Hourly
	(1976 divisor)	(2080 divisor)
Proficient	0.5182	0.4423
Expert	2.2773	2.1634

b) Community Karitane/Plunket Health Worker/Plunket Kaiāwhina

	Hourly	Hourly
	(1976 divisor)	(2080 divisor)
Proficient	1.5182	1.4423
Accomplished	2.2773	2.1634

42.2 Paid time to support work on PDRP Portfolio

Plunket will provide Nurses, Community Karitane/Plunket Kaiāwhina and Senior nurses with 4 hours per annum to work on their PDRP portfolio.

This time is to be used in conjunction with their Annual Appraisal and provided to enable employees to maintain their professional portfolio or to apply for expert or proficient or accomplished. A condition for taking this paid leave, is that applicants are required to present their portfolio to their manager within 6 weeks of taking this leave.

In addition to the above leave, Plunket will provide Nurses, Community Karitane/Plunket Kaiāwhina and Senior Nurses with 4 hours every 3 years prior to submitting their completed portfolio. A condition for taking this paid leave, is that applicants are required to submit their portfolio to their manager within 6 weeks of taking this leave.

42.3 Transferring from another NCNZ Approved PDRP

In recognition of the transportability of the leadership competencies expected for Level 3 or 4, Nurses who have achieved proficient or advanced PDRP level in another NCNZ approved programme can transfer their PDRP level to Plunket and receive Level 3 or 4 PDRP allowance for a period of 12 months. Further information regarding this process can be found in the Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust Professional Development and Recognition Programme Policy and Assessment Handbook.

## **43 PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION**

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- 43.1 Plunket acknowledges the need for Senior Nurses to access professional supervision on a monthly basis. The need for external professional supervision will vary across the country. Peer supervision is expected to be operating in areas as a primary clinical support mechanism. External supervision is not seen as replacing peer supervision but is particularly appropriate for Employees in areas where peer supervision is not accessible or appropriate or in the case where situations arise which require the need for external professional supervision. Access to external professional supervision will be through an Employee's Manager.
- 43.2 Family Start - As per the letter of intent received June 2023 from Oranga Tamariki, additional funding has been allocated to support Family Start kaimahi with professional development, cultural supervision and professional supervision.

## **44 TERMINATION**

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- 44.1 One month's notice of termination of employment shall be given in writing by either party, or one month's wages shall be paid or forfeited by the party failing to give the notice.
- 44.2 Notwithstanding Plunket may summarily terminate employment in the case of serious Misconduct
- 44.3 Upon completion of employment the employee is entitled to receive upon request a record of service.

## **45 CONTINUITY OF EMPLOYMENT**

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- 45.1 Where an employee resumes employment with Plunket, Plunket agrees that the employee's service, for the purpose of any rights or benefits that are conditional on unbroken service, will not be broken by the employee being without a position in Plunket's service during a continuous period that does not exceed three months.

## **46 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

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- 46.1 Plunket will act in accordance with the principles of natural justice when dealing with any instance of alleged misconduct on the part of an employee. Plunket will advise the employee of the specific matter or matters of concern, and will allow the employee a reasonable opportunity to provide an explanation of the matter.
- 46.2 In all matters of alleged misconduct, the employee shall have the opportunity of obtaining assistance and representation from NZNO or their other representative.
- 46.3 Plunket may choose to suspend the employee on full pay to take time to fully investigate any issues of serious misconduct in accordance with Plunket's disciplinary policy and procedures.
- 46.4 If, following proper investigation, an offence is found to warrant disciplinary action the nature of the disciplinary action (whether it is to be dismissal, warning, or other action) shall be promptly communicated by Plunket to the employee. The employee may request to have their NZNO or other representative present at any meeting conveying such warnings.

## **47 REDUNDANCY**

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- 47.1 Plunket shall provide NZNO with at least one month's notice of any redundancy situation and shall enter into discussions with them with the primary and initial objective of seeking mutually agreed redeployment. Such notice to NZNO will be at least one month before the intended date of termination.
- 47.2 For all employees other than Senior Nurses and Family Start employees, redundancy will be as per the Plunket Staff Redundancy Agreement in Schedule 1.
- 47.3 For Senior Nurses employed by Plunket as at 10 May 2002 who have had continuous service prior to this date and where their redundancy entitlement exceeds three months' salary on 10 May 2002, shall be covered by the "Plunket Staff Redundancy Agreement".
- 47.4 For Senior Nurses employed after 10 May 2002 they shall not be covered by the "Plunket Staff Redundancy Agreement." These Employees shall be entitled to receive redundancy compensation of three months' base salary, which shall include one month's notice.
- 47.5 For Family Start employees: In the event the Employee's employment is to be terminated by reason of redundancy, the Employee will be provided in writing with one month's notice. The employee is entitled to redundancy compensation as follows:
- a) For the first year of service, six weeks' pay based on the Employee's current base salary.
  - b) For each subsequent year of service or part thereof, two weeks' pay based on the employee's current base salary.
  - c) The maximum payment that the Employee is entitled to receive by way of redundancy compensation is limited to 14 weeks' pay based on the Employee's current base salary.
- 47.6 Equalisation allowance:
- Where, as part of an organisational change, an employee is offered and accepts a role where the rate of pay for the new position is less than that which applied in their former position, they will be paid an equalisation allowance, to preserve their former rate of pay for a period of 12 months. This allowance is abated by any pay increases during the period the allowance is being paid.
- 47.7 Travel Assistance:
- Where, as part of an organisational change, an employee is offered and accepts a role that is based at a different location within the same local area, and there are additional travel costs that result in genuine hardship, consideration will be given to providing travel assistance for a specified period of time.

## **48 EMPLOYEE PROTECTION**

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- 48.1 This clause shall apply where Plunket enters into a contract or arrangement for the contracting out, sale, transfer, amalgamation or other disposal of the whole or part of its business and, as a result, the employee is, or will be, no longer required by Plunket to perform the work normally performed, and this work is or will be performed by employees of the new employer. These provisions do not apply where the business transfer is by way of sale or transfer of shares or occurs while Plunket is in receivership or liquidation.
- 48.2 Plunket will meet the new employer prior to the date of business transfer to discuss how the transfer will affect the employee's employment and negotiate with the new employer about matters relating to the employee's employment, including whether the employee would transfer to the new employer; and if so, whether this would be on the same terms and conditions of employment.
- 48.3 Where arrangements are made for the employee to be able to transfer to the new employer, the employee may choose whether or not to transfer to the new employer.

- 48.4 Where the employee is offered employment by the new employer on the same or substantially similar or no less favourable terms and conditions of employment (including salary and location) and with service with Plunket recognised as continuous by the new employer, the employee shall not be entitled to the provisions outlined in 47.2 with the exception of the entitlement to one month's notice, whether the employee chooses to transfer to the new employer or not.
- 48.5 Where the employee is not offered the opportunity to transfer to the new employer in accordance with (48.2), all employees except Senior Nurses shall be entitled to the provisions outlined in 47.2 and Schedule 1. Senior Nurses shall be entitled to the provisions outlined in 47.3 or 47.4 (whichever is applicable).
- 48.6 Plunket recognises its obligation (Employment Relations Act 4(1 a)(c)) to provide to the employees affected:
- Access to information, relevant to the continuation of the employees' employment about the decision; and
  - An opportunity to comment on the information to Plunket before the decision is made

## **49 EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS**

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### 49.1 Definitions

**Employment Relationship Problem** - includes a personal grievance, a dispute, and any other problem relating to or arising out of an employment relationship but does not include any problem with the fixing of new terms and conditions of employment.

**Personal Grievance** - means a claim of unjustifiable dismissal, unjustifiable disadvantage (where the employee claims that her/his employment, or her/his conditions of employment, has been affected to her/his disadvantage by some unjustifiable action by the employer), discrimination, sexual or racial harassment, or duress in relation to membership or non-membership of a union or employee's organisation.

**Dispute** - means a dispute about the interpretation, application, or operation of an employment agreement.

### 49.2 Raising a Personal Grievance or Other Problem:

If an employee considers he/she has a personal grievance the employee must raise the grievance with Plunket making Plunket aware of the personal grievance that the employee wants to have addressed. The employee is entitled to seek advice and assistance from an NZNO representative in raising and discussing the problem. The employee shall have the opportunity of having an NZNO delegate or NZNO official present at any meeting with the employee. All employees shall be entitled to raise a personal grievance claim of unjustified dismissal regardless of whether or not an employee has been employed for more than 90 days. Should it be found that there has been an unjustified dismissal, reinstatement shall be the primary remedy.

An employee must raise the personal grievance within 90 days after the action complained of, or the date the employee became aware of it, unless the employer consents to the raising of a personal grievance after the expiration of that period or is given leave to raise the personal grievance after the expiration of that period by the Authority (as outlined in s114 of the Employment Relations Act 2000)

For any other employment relationship problem, an employee should advise Plunket of the existence and nature of the problem, as soon as practicable and that the employee wants something done about it.

Effective from 13 June 2023 the Employment Relations (Extended Time for Personal Grievance for Sexual Harassment) Amendment Act, allows employees more time to raise a personal grievance, rising from 90 days to 12 months. For all other personal grievances, the time to notify

the employer is unchanged at 90 days.

49.3 Procedure-All Employment Relationship Problems (including Personal Grievance):

If the employment relationship problem cannot be resolved by discussion between Plunket and the employee, then either party may request assistance from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment who may provide mediation services. This may include:

- provision of information or explanation as to where information can be found by way of telephone, fax, email or internet.
- provision of information through pamphlets, brochures, or booklets
- specialist services, including mediation hearings and meetings.

If the problem is not resolved by mediation, an employee may apply to the Employment Relations Authority for investigation and resolution. In certain circumstances, the employee(s) will be able to appeal to the Employment Court and the Court of Appeal if they are unhappy with the outcome at the Employment Relations Authority.

## **50 UNION SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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- 50.1 Where authorised to do so, Plunket shall deduct NZNO subscriptions fortnightly from the remuneration due to employees bound by this Collective Agreement and remit such subscriptions to the NZNO at monthly intervals.
- 50.2 The NZNO shall notify Plunket of the amount of the subscriptions fixed by NZNO in accordance with its registered rules.
- 50.3 Plunket shall provide a list of employees and their deductions when the sum is remitted to the NZNO.

## **51 RIGHT OF ACCESS**

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- 51.1 This agreement recognises that NZNO representatives have certain rights to enter a workplace of Plunket (this does not include a building or part of a building that is occupied as a residence).
- 51.2 In particular, a NZNO representative may enter a workplace either for purposes related to the employment of its members or for purposes related to NZNO's business (or for both purposes).
- 51.3 Purposes related to the employment of NZNO's members include:
- a) participating in collective bargaining;
  - b) dealing with health and safety matters;
  - c) monitoring compliance with the operation of this agreement;
  - d) monitoring compliance with the Employment Relations Act 2000 and other legislation dealing with employment-related rights in relation to NZNO members;
  - e) with the authority of an employee, dealing with matters relating to an individual's existing or proposed individual employment agreement; and
  - f) seeking compliance with relevant requirements if non-compliance is detected.
- 51.4 An NZNO representative may enter a workplace for one of these purposes if the representative reasonably believes that an NZNO member to whom the purpose relates either is working or normally works in the workplace.
- 51.5 Purposes related to NZNO's business include:
- a) discussing NZNO business with NZNO members;
  - b) recruiting employees as NZNO members; and
  - c) providing information on NZNO and NZNO membership to any employee on the premises.

- 51.6 An NZNO representative may enter a workplace for one of these purposes if the NZNO representative reasonably believes that NZNO's membership rule covers an employee who is working or who normally works in the workplace.
- 51.7 An NZNO representative may only enter a workplace at reasonable times, in a reasonable way and in compliance with Plunket's safety, health and security procedures. Upon entering the workplace, the NZNO representative is obliged to make reasonable efforts to find the person in charge. An NZNO representative must, at this time and at any later time if requested by Plunket, tell Plunket the purpose of the entry and provide evidence of identity and authority to represent NZNO. If the NZNO representative is unable to find an appropriate person, he or she must leave a written statement containing this information, together with a note of the time and date of entry.
- 51.8 Plunket recognises that it may not unreasonably deny an NZNO representative access to a workplace.

## **52 MEETINGS**

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### **52.1 NZNO Meetings**

Employees shall be entitled to four hours paid time *off* scheduled work to attend meetings, in a calendar year, for the purposes of discussing employment agreement matters. Plunket must be consulted regarding any request for such a meeting during the term of this agreement by NZNO giving Plunket at least 14 days' notice of the day and times of such meetings. NZNO will consult with Plunket to make any necessary arrangements to ensure that sufficient NZNO members remain available during the time of any such meeting to enable normal operations to continue.

An employee's NZNO representative will be able to attend such meetings referred to in this clause. The provision of this clause shall be inclusive of any legislative entitlement to paid union meetings.

#### Plunket Meetings

Where requested, employees shall attend meetings called by Plunket. Attendance at such meetings shall be treated as time worked.

## **53 PLUNKET NZNO DELEGATES**

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- 53.1 Plunket acknowledges the role of NZNO delegates in the workplace. Delegates play a vital role in communication between NZNO and Plunket and will maintain the flow of information between NZNO members and organisers.
- 53.2 Plunket will allow reasonable paid time off at ordinary time with prior approval for recognised delegates to attend meetings with management, consult with NZNO members and NZNO officials, to consult and discuss issues such as management of change, staff surplus and to represent employees.

## **54 SUPERANNUATION**

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- 54.1 Where an employee is a member of KiwiSaver scheme under KiwiSaver Act 2006, the employer will make an employer contribution to that scheme to all employees who contribute, matching the employee's contribution dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of 3% of the employee's total gross earnings (unless a higher employer contribution is required by law).

## 55 SIGNATORIES

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SIGNED



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Fiona Kingsford,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust



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Paul Goulter, Chief Executive Officer, NZ Nurses Organisation

DATE: 20 December 2024

## **Schedule 1 - Plunket Staff Redundancy Agreement**

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BETWEEN Royal NZ Plunket Trust - ("Plunket")

AND

The NZ Nurses Organisation ("NZNO")

WHEREAS Plunket has determined to examine its operation, because of funding constraints

WHEREAS Plunket and NZNO have reached agreement as to the terms and conditions of the redundancies and wish to record the agreement in writing.

The Parties Agree As Follows:

- a) Plunket and NZNO recognise that loss of employment is a serious matter for those involved.
- b) Employees indicating a preference for voluntary redundancy will be given first consideration for redundancy where that action will meet the ongoing employment and management needs of Plunket.
- c) Plunket must provide one month's notice of redundancy to NZNO and the employee of any impending redundancy situation.
- d) Employees may work out their notice or alternatively they may take wages in lieu of notice, subject to operational requirements of Plunket.
- e) If employees work out their notice, they will be given time *off* to attend interviews for alternative employment without loss of pay.
- f) Employees made redundant shall be provided with a certificate of service stating that employment was terminated as a result of redundancy.
- g) Plunket shall supply suitable redundancy counselling services for any employees requiring such services.
- h) Employees will receive a pro-rata redundancy payment for any loss of more than 7 hours from a re-established position gained through the restructuring process.

### **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

Employees made redundant shall be entitled to receive compensation payments calculated to their length of service based on the following scale:

- For the first year of service - six weeks pay based on their average earnings for the last 12 months.
- For each subsequent year of service or part thereof - two weeks pay based on their average earnings for the last 12 months
- The maximum payment that any employee is entitled to receive by way of redundancy compensation is limited to 33 weeks.

### **RE-EMPLOYMENT**

Should circumstances change causing the redundant position, or a substantially similar position to again become available, the employee made redundant will receive very close consideration for reemployment.

### **SMALL HOURS COMPENSATION**



Employees appointed to a position that they have registered an interest in which is 7 hours or less than their previous position will receive 'small hour compensation' based on the following formula:

- less hours per week times hourly rate times factor 11.5

Small hours compensation is not a total buy out redundancy payment for an employee's hours, but guarantees that any increase in hours in an employee area will be first offered to those employees who have had small hours compensation.

**TERM**

The terms of this Redundancy Agreement will be effective from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2025.

Dated This <u>20</u> day of <u>December 2024</u>	
SIGNED for ROYAL NZ PLUNKET TRUST	
SIGNED for NZ NURSES ORGANISATION	

## **Schedule 2 - NZNO/Plunket Engagement Forum**

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The NZNO/Plunket Engagement Forum replaces the previous Strategic Working Group and the National Healthy Workplace Group in that the functions of these groups will be included in the NZNO/Plunket Engagement Forum

The membership of the group will comprise Plunket representatives and NZNO representatives (2 Organisers, 1 Professional Nurse Adviser and 4 delegates - being the NOC delegate, a Senior Nurse delegate and 2 others)

The agreed work plan will include:

- Discussion and potential strategies for ensuring that Plunket services are operating as effectively and efficiently as possible whilst maintaining the delivery of a quality service while recognising Plunket's organisational constraints.
- Acknowledging there needs to be an appropriate work-life balance for employees. This will include discussion on managing workload within the agreed hours of work and appropriate cover for leave.

## **Family / Domestic Violence**

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Plunket believes that all families in New Zealand have the right to live in violence free environments and recognises that employees sometimes face situations of violence or abuse in their personal life. Plunket has developed a 'Supporting Plunket People Affected by Domestic Violence' policy that outlines Plunket's commitment to supporting Plunket people who are impacted by family or domestic violence and that guides the response of Plunket managers to such situations.

## **Pay Review**

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The parties acknowledge that the adjustments to pay in this Collective Agreement do not meet pay parity with the Te Whatu Ora Collective Agreement. Should Plunket receive additional funding from Te Whatu Ora to partially or fully address pay equity/pay parity matters effective during the term of this Collective Agreement, the parties agree that an urgent change would be needed to the Collective Agreement during its term, and that this would require a variation to the Collective Agreement in accordance with Clause 2 of this Collective Agreement.