



STONZ SECA COMPARISON

STONZ v NZRDA Collective Agreement Comparison

Updated following STONZ Collective Agreement, effective 14th February 2024 and NZRDA Collective agreement, effective 18th June 2024.

SECA TERM

STONZ SECA: A two-year agreement from 14th February 2024 – 28th February 2026

NZRDA: A two-year agreement from 18th June 2024 to 31st July 2026

If you are a member of the NZRDA, your terms and conditions are locked in until 1st June 2026. If you want to change your collective terms and conditions as an NZRDA member you are now only able to do this 60 days before the NZRDA SECA expiry (31 July 2026) and up until the ratification of a new agreement. You cannot currently under New Zealand employment law change your collective terms and conditions when moving from House Officer to Registrar within Te Whatu Ora. However, at any time, an employee can resign a union and negotiate an IEA directly with the RMO Unit. Noting, that STONZ has a specific membership group for those RMOs who negotiate IEAs based on the STONZ terms and conditions, but cannot be full members.

SALARIES

STONZ and the NZRDA have negotiated pay increases over the term of each SECA. As part of the most recent negotiations, 97% of STONZ members received a pay increase and 90% of our members received a pay increase of over 14% in the first year. The average pay increase across the 2-years is 18%.

An example of a House Officer and Registrar is below.

- A House Officer step 2 on Category C is approximately \$5,000 per year better off under STONZ*
- A Registrar step 3 on category C is approximately \$4,800 per year better off under STONZ*

***This does not take into account that NZRDA will have their salaries recalculated and categories potentially dropped for observing RDOs.**

For more information about the new STONZ SECA and FAQs, please refer to our [website SECA Page](#).

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE STONZ & NZRDA SECA

Clause	STONZ	NZRDA
10.8.2	For each full year of service, Registrars receive a CME allowance of \$2,000 to purchase items that aid training. Can accrue up to a maximum of \$6,000.	None
10.9	House Officers (PGY2+) can receive a grant of \$500 per year to support acceptance onto a training program. Can accrue up to \$1000.	None
Admin Time for Registrars	Registrars must have sufficient time in their working week to complete the administrative work associated with their clinical duties.	Not specifically referenced
Payment for RMOs writing rosters	A Registrar who is responsible for writing, managing, and publishing the roster shall be paid an allowance in recognition.	None
Increased Notice Period for CBAs	<p>Many CBAs, particularly rural placements require RMOs to move for the duration.</p> <p>Many CBAs are noted as TBA and RMOs receive short notice of their allocations. This clause states that 3-months' notice is now required to be provided unless agreed otherwise to CBAs that are a significant distance away.</p>	Not specifically referenced
Penalty for Late Published Rosters	<p>Where an RMO Roster is published with less than the 28 days' notice required, all RMOs working that roster will receive a penalty payment of \$75 for every full or part day that the roster is late.</p> <p>Historically there has been no legal entitlement to claim additional duties and currently no contractual obligation for Te Whatu Ora to pay when a roster is published for either SECA.</p> <p>By adding a penalty for all RMOs on the roster we are recognising that it impacts all RMOs not just those working the after-</p>	None.

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	<p>hours. It also provides data of where this is happening as it will have a payroll code created so we can monitor and work directly with RMO units and services where needed.</p> <p>Note: Does not apply to Relief Rosters.</p>	
Timeframes for reimbursement of Transfer Expenses	<p>Now must be reimbursed within 4-6 weeks to align with other reimbursement timeframes.</p> <p>RMOs will endeavour to submit their claims for reimbursement under this clause in a timely manner, and in any event prior to the end of the financial year (30 June) in which they are incurred.</p>	None
Moving due to loss of Hospital Accreditation	If an RMO has to move due to loss of hospital accreditation, then the district will pay for the transfer costs, even if it is less than one year.	None
Removal of furniture and effects	Now includes the reimbursement of the costs to relocate a car where it is the sensible decision to do so.	None
Cross Covering non-RMOs	No RMO should be expected to provide cross cover for non-RMO work unless specified in the run description.	None
Chronic Cross Cover Appendix	<p>High levels of vacancies are impacting our training opportunities, our ability to care for patients, our enjoyment of the job, and so much more.</p> <p>With this schedule, the parties are acknowledging some of the issues and outside of remuneration outlines some proactive practical steps districts and</p>	None

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	departments need to make where there are high levels of vacancies.	
Best Practice Psychiatry Home Visit Guidelines	Best Practice Guidelines for Psychiatry Trainees working in the community have been developed as part of the Psychiatry National Project, and aims to better protect our RMOs who are working out in the community	None
Best Practice Parental Leave Guidelines	<p>Appendix 6 of the STONZ SECA provides 'Best Practice Parental Leave guidelines'. This includes what hospitals and RMOs should do before, during and returning from Parental Leave.</p> <p>RMOs returning from parental leave can now request not to be rostered on any out of hours shifts for the first month after they return from parental leave. Hospitals are also responsible for ensuring RMOs that wish to continue their breastfeeding journey can do so. This means they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure appropriate breaks can be taken. ▪ Ensure appropriate facilities are accessible and within a reasonable distance. <p>If this can't be done, then the district will agree with the RMO on what other support could be provided such as reimbursement of portable/wearable breast pumps.</p>	None
Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional duties & Cross cover rates ▪ Work on streamlining transfer expenses. ▪ Work on improving reimbursement timeframes. ▪ ICU Rosters. ▪ Senior House Officers. ▪ Completion of training/transition to SMO. ▪ Remuneration Work. ▪ Meals Pilot. 	Unknown
	Training Registrars are entitled to an additional 12 weeks of MEL, non-	Total of 12 weeks per vocational training programme which includes MEL accessed

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Medical Education Leave (MEL)	<p>inclusive of MEL accessed as a House Officer and Non-Training Registrar.</p> <p>House Officers PGY2 and up and Non-Training Registrars get 5 days per year of MEL and can also access a one off 3-week entitlement.</p> <p>Individual applications for Medical Education Leave should be considered and responded to within 14 days.</p> <p>Non-Training RMOs may also use 2x MEL days per year for exposure to different vocational pathways by observing in another service or non-Te Whatu Ora setting.</p> <p>In addition to this, for the purposes of undertaking a diploma entitlement to a further 2 weeks of MEL. The maximum MEL that can be taken in one year is 4 weeks.</p>	<p>as a House Officer and Non-Training Registrar.</p> <p>House Officers PGY2 and above 5 days per year. 2 Weeks per year if undertaking a diploma (inclusive of the 5 days).</p> <p>No specific response time for MEL applications</p> <p>No specific entitlement to use MEL days for exposure to different vocational pathways.</p> <p>Example: Accessed 6 weeks as a House Officer / Non-Training Registrar remaining balance as a Training Registrar 6 weeks.</p>											
	<p>Diagram of STONZ Entitlements</p> <p>The diagram illustrates the Medical Education Leave (MEL) entitlements for three roles: House Officer, Non Training Registrar, and Training Registrar, categorized by PGY1 and PGY2+ levels. A large downward arrow on the left indicates the progression from PGY1 to PGY2+.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Role</th> <th>PGY1</th> <th>PGY2+</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>House Officer</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>5 days p.a. one-off 3 weeks Maximum 4 weeks in any one year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non Training Registrar</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>5 days p.a. Maximum 4 weeks in any one year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Registrar</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>12 weeks Maximum 6 weeks in any one year</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Role	PGY1	PGY2+	House Officer	Nil	5 days p.a. one-off 3 weeks Maximum 4 weeks in any one year	Non Training Registrar	N/A	5 days p.a. Maximum 4 weeks in any one year	Training Registrar	N/A
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Conference Leave	<p>Training Registrars who have passed Part 1 or equivalent get 10 days of conference leave plus actual and reasonable expenses.</p> <p>No \$ Monetary cap.</p>	<p>Registrars Year 5 or higher of the pay scale get 8 days of conference leave.</p> <p>Capped at \$6,500.</p> <p>Earlier access to the provision is granted to Registrars who are 12 months post completion of part 1 exam.</p> <p>Additional days granted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eighth Year 1 day • Ninth Year 2 days • Tenth Year 2 days • Over ten years 3 days
Continuous Service	<p>Trainees on an Australasian Vocational programme covered by STONZ can extend their break in service for up to 12 months (as long as they are employed by a non-Te Whatu Ora provider as a part of their training programme for this time).</p>	<p>No provision for an extension of continuous service for Trainees undertaking a non-Te Whatu Ora required part of training.</p>
Sick leave	<p>10 days per annum, from appointment. An additional 10 discretionary days. The first 5 discretionary sick days are approved the same way as regular sick leave.</p> <p>Sick leave is deducted for working days only.</p>	<p>Up to 30 days per annum in the first 3 years, non-accumulative (beyond legislative maximum). 30-day entitlement in Year 4 of service, with 9* days from Year 5 onwards.</p> <p>*Superseded by the legislative change to 10 days sick leave per annum.</p> <p>Sick leave deducted on consecutive days, including off-duty days (e.g., weekends)</p>
Reliever Notice Periods	<p>28 days' notice for weekend duties and two weeks' notice for all other duties.</p>	<p>Unless using Schedule 2 relievers must get 28 days' notice of roster with at least 3 months of duties.</p> <p>Where Schedule 2 is used, the notice period is two weeks.</p>
Changes to Run Description	<p>In order to make a change to a run description the hospital must run a consultation process and if 1/3 of the STONZ members affected by the change state that they disagree with the change this will not proceed.</p> <p>Voting is anonymous.</p>	<p>In order to make a change to a run description the district must run a consultation process and has to obtain the agreement of 2/3rds agreement of those affected by the change for the change to proceed.</p> <p>Voting is anonymous.</p>

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Bereavement Leave	<p>Hospitals will grant bereavement leave on pay for an employee who has suffered a bereavement of a person with whom the employee has had a close association and being mindful of cultural requirements.</p> <p>An RMO who has suffered a bereavement and finds they need further support can raise this with the Hospital. This support may include further paid or unpaid leave and/or counselling support.</p>	<p>Districts will grant bereavement leave on pay for an employee who has suffered a bereavement of a person with whom the employee has had a close association and being mindful of cultural requirements.</p> <p>No SECA provision for additional support.</p>
Schedule 10 Rosters	<p>PGY1 House Officers in Quarter 1 and 2, can observe Rostered Days Off on Schedule 10 rosters.</p> <p>During this time the salaries of the PGY1 House Officers will be recalculated and may drop due to the reduced hours worked.</p>	<p>All RMOs on schedule 10 rosters must observe RDOs following a weekend.</p> <p>Salaries are recalculated and categories may drop when observing RDOs.</p>
Protected Training Time	<p>This will be a minimum of: 2 hours per week for House Officers 4 hours per week for Registrars</p>	<p>Minimum of: 2-4 hours for House Officers, dependent on District (Schedule Three). 4 hours for Registrars.</p>
Clause 10 Employment Related Expenses	<p>Cost of APC, BPAC, Medical Indemnity Insurance, membership of Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa and actual and reasonable costs of the training.</p> <p>Hospitals commit to process all completed reimbursement claims within 4 to 6 weeks of their submission. Where there is a pattern of failure to meet these timeframes, STONZ will raise the issue with hospital management, and the parties will work to address any systemic problems.</p>	<p>Cost of APC, BPAC, Medical Indemnity Insurance membership of Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa and actual and reasonable costs of the training.</p> <p>No provision for processing time commitment.</p>
Exam Attempts	<p>Under the STONZ Contract up to 2 attempts are supported or 3 in the instance it is an exam required to obtain vocational registration (e.g. fellowship exam).</p> <p>However, the parties acknowledge that in some circumstances, additional attempts at sitting a vocational exam may be required.</p>	<p>Not specifically referenced.</p>

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Limits on Hours - Promoting better Rosters.	<p>This paragraph in the SECA outlines that the clauses in our collective should be used to develop rosters that are best-fit for RMOs and services – rather than rostering to the maximum allowed under the collective as a default.</p> <p>Often Districts state the STONZ members must work to the maximum in the collective – this paragraph clarifies our position.</p>	<p>Do not have this specific wording.</p> <p>Many of the clauses under the limits on hours section are similar for both unions (10/4 Rosters withstanding).</p>
Bullying & Harassment	<p>Clarifying Te Whatu Ora’s statutory requirements and responsibilities under law.</p> <p>Also clarifies expectations around the principles that bullying, and harassment is not condoned by anyone.</p>	Clause 39.0 of NZRDA SECA
Non-Service Increment	<p>None.</p> <p>In 2024 we removed the Non-Service Increment. Our reasons for this decision were that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing between specialties was not consistent, which we considered a fairness and equity issue. • Timing of notification to RMO/Payroll units varied, making it difficult to administer. • To reinvest funding into the salary scales. <p>We addressed its impact by shortening the Registrar pay scales, i.e. what was Year 10 became Step 9. For a Cat C the salary change was from \$162,400 in Feb 2023 to \$190,030 in Feb 2024, a 17% increase.</p>	<p>Retained in 2024 Negotiations. Clause 8.6.1</p>

CONSITENCIES BETWEEN THE STONZ & NZRDA SECA

Prior to STONZ formation in 2018 and our first collective agreement, RMO terms & conditions had remained largely unchanged for 15+ years. The majority of the contracts are based on the same terms and conditions, however the STONZ team sought to drive significant change in some area's focusing on RMO training and how we could better support specialist career progression. In 2021 NZRDA adopted many of the clauses that STONZ had negotiated 2018, and again in 2024.

The following clauses are now the same as the STONZ SECA.

Parental Leave STONZ Clause 28.0 NZRDA Clause 23.0	<p>In 2018 when STONZ was first established we negotiated to significantly improve the entitlements for RMOs. Our paid parental leave clause came into effect 10 December 2018.</p> <p>The NZRDA adopted the same entitlements from 5 July 2021.</p> <p>Total of 26 weeks parental leave (6 months service) or 52 weeks (12 months service). Extended unpaid leave can be shared between primary and non-primary caregivers.</p> <p>Paid parental leave representing full salary top-up for primary caregiver for 14 weeks.</p> <p>Paid partners leave for 2 weeks for non-primary caregiver and 2 weeks unpaid.</p>															
Additional Duty Rates	<table><tr><th>Grade</th><th>0800-2200</th><th>2200-0800</th></tr><tr><td>HO</td><td>\$60</td><td>\$90</td></tr><tr><td>SHO</td><td>\$75</td><td>\$115</td></tr><tr><td>Registrar</td><td>\$85</td><td>\$130</td></tr><tr><td>Senior Registrar</td><td>\$120</td><td>\$180</td></tr></table> <p>Increased 10 Dec 2018 by STONZ, adopted by NZRDA 1 April 2019</p>	Grade	0800-2200	2200-0800	HO	\$60	\$90	SHO	\$75	\$115	Registrar	\$85	\$130	Senior Registrar	\$120	\$180
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Superannuation	Up to 6% employer match on gross taxable salary.															
Minimum Break	Break of at least 8 hours or penalty payment of \$160															
Cross Cover Payment	Where an employee cross covers, they will be paid \$165 per day. Where more than one employee provides the cover, payment is shared.															

	Increased 10 Dec 2018 by STONZ , adopted by NZRDA 1 April 2019
Limits on hours	<p>Where the RMO is required to work in excess of 140 hours in a period of 14 consecutive days, then they shall receive a payment of \$1,000</p> <p>Lowered from 144 by STONZ Dec 2020, adopted by NZRDA May 2021</p>
Lieu Day notice periods	The employee must give 14 days' notice of taking the alternative paid holiday, except that if the lieu day is proposed to be taken on a day where the RMO is rostered on a long day, a night duty, or a weekend duty, 28 days' notice must be provided.
RDO Hours	<p>RMOs working a non-shift roster, any days Monday to Friday that are completely free from rostered duties shall not be counted when working out the salary category.</p> <p>This does not include the minimum break provided for sleep recovery days, when those days fall Monday through Friday.</p>
Reliever duties	Relievers are required to report for duty at 0800 where they have not been rostered to specific duties.
Part-Time Work	Te Whatu Ora commits to having a process for RMOs to take up part-time employment opportunities.
Registrars in training, required to do House Officer run. STONZ clause 12.3.6 NZRDA Clause 8.5.6	<p>A Registrar in a formal training programme shall retain their salary step where, as part of that training programme they are required to 'step down' to a complete an approved House Officer (including Senior House Officer) run. They shall be paid in the Registrar scale on the basis of the category for the House Officer run.</p> <p>Negotiated by STONZ in January 2024 and adopted by NZRDA in June 2024.</p>
College or Council related leave STONZ clause 9A NZRDA Clause 27A	<p>We are seeing more members being asked to contribute to meetings and attend as representatives on various groups.</p> <p>In these instances, RMOs will be paid special leave rather than being deducted from Annual or Medical Education as it is currently.</p> <p>Negotiated by STONZ in January 2024 and adopted by NZRDA in June 2024.</p>

<p>Rural Hospital Allowance</p> <p>STONZ clause 12.8 NZRDA Clause 8.8</p>	<p>STONZ no longer has "non-urban" scales and instead has included a Rural Hospital Allowance.</p> <p>In January 2024 STONZ negotiated an allowance of 5% of base salary shall be paid to RMOs who are employed by Te Whatu Ora under this agreement at one of the following rural hospitals:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="647 421 1262 922"> <tr> <td data-bbox="647 421 967 589"> <p>Te Tai Tokerau/Northland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dargaville • Kaitaia • Kawakawa (Bay of Islands) </td><td data-bbox="967 421 1262 589"> <p>Waikato</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui • Te Kuiti • Thames • Tokoroa </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="647 589 967 678"> <p>Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taupo </td><td data-bbox="967 589 1262 678"> <p>Taranaki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawera </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="647 678 967 801"> <p>MidCentral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke </td><td data-bbox="967 678 1262 801"> <p>Canterbury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaikoura • Ashburton </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="647 801 967 922"> <p>West Coast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greymouth (Grey Base) • Westport (Buller Hospital) </td><td data-bbox="967 801 1262 922"> <p>Southern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queenstown (Lakes) </td></tr> </table> <p>The parties agree that the Hospitals under coverage of this clause may be reviewed if the RNZCGP rural health medicine Division recognition as a Level 2 or 3 site changes.</p> <p>NZRDA adopted in June 2024.</p>	<p>Te Tai Tokerau/Northland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dargaville • Kaitaia • Kawakawa (Bay of Islands) 	<p>Waikato</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taumarunui • Te Kuiti • Thames • Tokoroa 	<p>Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taupo 	<p>Taranaki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawera 	<p>MidCentral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dannevirke 	<p>Canterbury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaikoura • Ashburton 	<p>West Coast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greymouth (Grey Base) • Westport (Buller Hospital) 	<p>Southern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queenstown (Lakes)
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<p>Continuous Service</p> <p>STONZ 2.0 Interpretations NZRDA 2.0 Interpretations</p>	<p>Continuous service is recognised when an employee leaves one District and commences at another within 3 months.</p> <p>This means you can take a longer break between jobs if you want and still maintain your entitlements.</p> <p>STONZ negotiated in December 2018 and NZRDA adopted in June 2024.</p>								
<p>Rotations between Districts</p> <p>STONZ 6.11 NZRDA 6.9</p>	<p>Under Te Whatu Ora you do not need to resign from one hospital to move to another one, but you do need to give three months' notice of the intention to move, and the districts should be committed to moving you as quickly as possible (3-months is a maxima). All your entitlements will transfer with you if you move hospital.</p> <p>STONZ negotiated in January 2024 and NZRDA adopted in June 2024.</p>								

<p>Run Descriptions</p> <p>STONZ 14.1 NZRDA 10.0</p>	<p>Added requirement for each run description to include a roster template.</p> <p>STONZ negotiated in January 2024, and NZRDA adopted in June 2024.</p>
<p>Transfer Costs</p> <p>STONZ 33.1(a) NZRDA 31.0</p>	<p>STONZ in the 2021 round of negotiations has added the ability for RMOs who step up from House Officer to Registrar but don't move DHBs, to have the transfer expenses of their first move to another DHB following stepping up to Registrar to be reimbursed.</p> <p>STONZ negotiated in December 2021 and NZRDA adopted in June 2024.</p>

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