

Membership Terms & Conditions

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By submitting the membership application form at dbctnz.org.nz/membership and checking the agreement box, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Terms & Conditions.

1. About the Trust

Devbhoomi Charitable Trust NZ is a registered charity (CC61651) with Charities Services New Zealand, established to support and connect the Uttarakhand and wider Indian diaspora community across Aotearoa New Zealand through cultural events, welfare services, community outreach, and consulting support.

2. Eligibility

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of application.
- Membership is open to individuals who support the Trust's charitable purposes, regardless of regional or cultural origin.
- Acceptance of any membership application is at the discretion of the Trust's Trustees and/or executive officers, who may decline or revoke a membership generally, including where information provided is false or misleading.

3. Membership Fee and Term

- The current annual membership fee is NZ\$10.
- The membership form itself does not process payment; payment is made separately by bank transfer, using the account details provided by the Trust after you submit your application. Membership is not confirmed until payment has been received.
- Membership is valid for twelve (12) months from the date payment is received and the membership is approved, as shown on your membership certificate, and must be renewed annually to remain active.
- Membership fees are non-refundable once payment has been received and the membership processed, except where required by law or at the Trust's discretion.
- The Trust may vary the membership fee from time to time; any change will be published on the website ahead of the next renewal cycle.

4. Member Benefits

Subject to these Terms, members may receive: priority invitations to cultural events, galas, and celebrations; access to Trust welfare services and community outreach; an annual membership certificate and personalised membership number; and newsletters and community updates (where opted in). The Trust is also working to establish a partner-business discount programme; this benefit is not yet active and will be rolled out to members once agreements with partner businesses are in place. Benefits may change from time to time and are offered at the Trust's discretion.

5. Member Conduct

Members are expected to engage respectfully with staff, volunteers, and fellow members at all Trust events and activities. The Trust's Trustees and/or executive officers may suspend or terminate the membership of any person whose conduct is discriminatory, abusive, unlawful, or otherwise inconsistent with the values and

charitable purpose of the organisation, at their discretion (see Section 6).

6. Cancellation and Termination

You may cancel your membership at any time by contacting the Trust; cancellation takes effect at the end of the current membership period, and no partial refund is provided for the unused portion.

The Trust's Trustees and/or executive officers may suspend or terminate a membership, generally at their discretion, including (without limitation) where a member:

- fails to pay membership fees or renewal fees when due;
- has provided false, misleading, or incomplete information on their application;
- engages in misconduct towards fellow members, staff, or volunteers, or raises other conduct-related concerns at Trust events or activities; or
- otherwise breaches these Terms & Conditions.

Where reasonably practicable, the Trust will attempt to notify the member of the reason for suspension or termination.

7. Changes to These Terms

The Trust may update these Terms & Conditions from time to time to reflect changes in its services, legal obligations, or operations. The version published on dbctnz.org.nz at the time of your renewal or continued membership will apply.

8. Governing Law

These Terms & Conditions are governed by, and are to be interpreted in accordance with, the laws of New Zealand. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with your membership will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts.

By checking "I agree to the Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy" on the membership form, you confirm your acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.