

NZSI Annual Professional Development and Service Points Chart

This Professional Development cycle starts on 1 April 2026 and ends 31 March 2027. All teachers (all levels, accredited, in-training, provisional status and teacher trainers) need to acquire **100 points** by the end of each year to be eligible for Suzuki Teacher registration with the NZSI for the following year.

Within the 100-point total per year, a **minimum of 50 points** must be specific Suzuki professional development **from Table A**, including 25 points of instrument specific professional development per different discipline taught by the teacher. The remaining **50 points** can be made up of a variety of activities (see table B, C, and D).

If you have completed professional development that is not listed on here, please contact the Director of Teacher Training to see if your professional development can be approved.

Table A: Core Suzuki Professional Development		
<i>Category</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Points</i>
Training	Instrument Unit	100
	SECE Level 1	100
Assessment	Instrumental Assessment	20
Refresher	Refresher Unit	50
Suzuki Observation (over and above training requirements)		5 per hour
Official Professional Development by NZSI	In-person or online, live or Pre-recorded	25 points per session
Attending NZSI Teachers' Conference	In-person	100
Attending an international Suzuki Conference	In-person	100
International Professional Development	In-person or online, live or pre-recorded	25 points per hour
Presenter of Professional Development	In-person or online, live or pre-recorded	40

Table B : Non Suzuki Professional Development you are currently undertaking		
<i>Category</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Points</i>
Additional Qualifications	Kodaly, Orff Schulwerk, Dalcroze, or any other recognised music or education related PD course Course	30 per level
	University Diploma - Music	30 per year of study
	University Diploma - Education	30 per year of study
	Bachelor of Music	50 per year of study
	Master of Music	50 per year of study
	Bachelor of Education	50 per year of study
	Master of Education	50 per year of study
	PhD in Education or Music	50 per year of study
	Teacher Registration	30 per year

Table C: Involvement in Suzuki Events & Activities		
<i>Category</i>	<i>Activity</i>	
Local Branch Committee	Chairperson	40
	Secretary or treasurer	30
	Committee member	20
National Executive	Branch Delegate	30
NZSI Officers	President, Vice President	50
PAG	Teacher trainer and co-opted members	30
Convenor of multi-day events	Workshop, camps etc	30
Assistant at multi-day events	Workshop, camps etc	20
Graduation listener		10 points per hour
Mentoring	Mentoring a trainee by request of the DoTT	10 points per hour

Table D: Other Activities & Undertakings		
<i>Category</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Points</i>
Attendance at concerts	Attendance at a professional Classical music concert (includes opera, musicals, and ballet)	5 per concert
Performance	Participate in a paid public performance as an ensemble member or soloist	10 per public performance
Observation or participation of non-Suzuki masterclasses	Non-Suzuki masterclasses conducted by University level teacher	10 per masterclass