

Declaration of Interest Creditor applications

It is recorded that the NMMU is committed to sound Corporate Governance Practices and procedures in its SCM Policy therefore incorporate the overarching principles of sound Corporate Governance namely:

Responsibility
Accountability
Fairness
Transparency

In line with the aforesaid overarching principles of sound Corporate Governance the NMMU considers the following as a conflict of interest.

Conflict of interest

Any situation in which a member or connected person has an actual or potential interest that may impact negatively on the integrity or objectivity of the University, thereby causing prejudice to the University or undue or improper benefit to the individual, including situations where:

- a position of authority may be used to influence or to make decisions that lead to any form of financial or personal gain for that member or for his or her relations;
- financial or other personal considerations may compromise, or may have the appearance of compromising, a member's professional judgement in conducting or reporting research.

Interest: Includes but is not limited to:

- Commercial interest: Partnerships, firms, companies, close corporations, businesses or other organisation in which a pecuniary interest, fiduciary responsibility, personal participation or any other form of interest is substantial enough to be of significance, for example, holding the position of Executive Director or having more than 5% control (where 'control' means right to direct the affairs of a company as a shareholder, a member of the board of directors, by agreement or otherwise).
- Financial Interest: Anything of non-trivial monetary value, including, but not limited to, pay, commission, consultancy fees, equity interests, forgiveness of debt, property, royalties, intellectual property rights, gifts, discount, hospitality and services.
- Non-financial interest: This includes, but is not limited to, enhancement of a career, education or professional reputation, access to privileged information or facilities.
- Relationship interest: A partner, a close personal friend and any other person with whom the member has a relationship which is likely to appear to a reasonable person to influence his/her objectivity.

Any member or any connected person of such member may not conduct business, either directly or indirectly with NMMU in the event of there being a conflict of interest, unless the approval of MANCO is obtained, and MANCO having considered the following facts:

- the goods, products or services offered are unique;
- the supplier is the sole provider; and
- it is in the best interest of NMMU to conduct such business.

Council members, members of sub committees of council and incumbents falling within peromnes level 1 – 4, may not conduct any business directly or indirectly with the NMMU irrespective of whether a conflict of interest exists or not, due to the nature of the positions they occupy.

Any person who has transgressed the paragraphs above will in future, without prejudice to any other remedy or recourse which the NMMU may be excluded from rendering goods and services to the NMMU.

Please complete the document below to ensure compliance.

Connected Person - A person is deemed to be a “Connected Person” using the consanguinity and affinity linear diagrams and being within four degrees of connectivity.

Member - Any person permanently employed or under contract to the University, registered students, council members, members of sub committees of council as well as any other persons engaged in activities on behalf of the University.

No, I am not connected.	
Name: _____	_____
	Signature
Position in your company: _____	_____
Date: _____	_____

Yes, I am connected.	
Name: _____	_____
	Signature
Position in your company: _____	_____
Date: _____	_____
Other particulars:	
_____	_____
_____	_____

Linear Consanguinity Diagram	Please indicate with tick ✓
4th Degree	
Great Great Grandparents	
Great Aunt/Uncle	
First Cousin	
Great Nephew/Niece	
3rd Degree	
Great Grandparents	
Aunt/Uncle	
Nephew/Niece	
Great Grandchild	
2nd Degree	
Grandparent	
Brother/Sister	
Grandchild	
1st Degree	
Parent	
Child	
MEMBER (As defined above)	

Linear Affinity Diagram	Please indicate with tick ✓
MEMBER (As defined above)	
1st Degree	
Spouse	
2nd Degree	
Parent-in-law	
Daughter/Son-in-law	
3rd Degree	
Grandparent-in-law	
Brother/Sister-in-law	
Grandchild-in-law	
4th Degree	
Great Grandparents-in-law	
Aunt/Uncle-in-law	
First Cousin-in-law	
Niece/Nephew-in-law	
Great Grandchild-in-law	

Please provide us with the person's name and surname as indicated above:

Name of staff member/connected person	Relationship

I the undersigned (name) _____ certifies that the information furnished above is correct.

Signature: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____