

Contacts and Support

- GenderQuest is an Auckland-based social support group for youth questioning their gender identity, and is part of Rainbow Youth
genderquest@rainbowyouth.org.nz
www.bebo.com/GenderQuestOnline
www.rainbowyouth.org.nz
- TRANZform is a Wellington group for young people who identify as transgender, genderqueer, non-gendered, questioning and their allies.
tranzform.wgtn@gmail.com
www.bebo.com/TranzformW
- Agender New Zealand provides support across NZ for transgender people, their partners and families:
www.agender.org.nz
- GenderBridge is an Auckland-based transgender organisation that provides support to trans people, their family and friends throughout New Zealand:
www.genderbridge.org
- Action on the Human Rights Commission's Transgender Inquiry:
For information, resources and to sign up for the To Be Who I Am bi-monthly email newsletter
www.hrc.co.nz/transgenderinquiry
- UniQ is the New Zealand Queer Students' group at universities, polytechs and colleges of education:
www.uniq.org.nz
- The New Zealand Union of Students Associations is the federation of student associations across NZ:
www.students.org.nz
- Whitirea Community Law Centre's 2008 online resource About Us: Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and the Law in NZ
www.communitylaw.org.nz

OUSA YOUR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PROVIDING YOU WITH:

OUSA Executive
OUSA Main Office
OUSA Recreation
OUSA Events
OUSA Student Support
OUSA Media

- Critic
- Radio 1
- OUSA Facilities
- Aquatic Centre
- Squash Courts
- Yacht Club
- Clubs and Societies Building
- University Book Shop
- Student Job Search
- Access to Unipol

CONTACTS:

- OUSA Main Office/ Executive/ Lost Property/ OUSA Events
479 5332
ousa@ousa.org.nz
- OUSA Student Support: 479 5448
help@ousa.org.nz
- OUSA Recreation (Clubs and Societies Centre): 479 5960
clubsandsocieties@ousa.org.nz
- OUSA Media:
Critic: 479 5335 critic@critic.co.nz
Radio 1: 479 5834 r1@r1.co.nz
- University Book Shop: www.unibooks.co.nz
- Student Job Search: www.sjs.co.nz

OUSA STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE CONTACTS:

help@ousa.org.nz
Phone: 4795448
Find the Student Support Centre at 5 Ethel Benjamin Street
(behind OUSA Clubs and Socs building)

www.ousa.org.nz



Your Students' Association

TRANSGENDER STUDENT INFORMATION

In 2008, the Human Rights Commission released To Be Who I Am, a report on discrimination against trans individuals in New Zealand. The report includes recommendations for cementing the processes and pathways available to students at New Zealand universities who wish to change gender and/or names and for ensuring that trans students are able to take active part in University life (HRC 2008). This pamphlet covers essential information for trans students with regard to changing details at university, and their rights and obligations as students. It was researched at the University of Otago, but certain pathways are common between tertiary institutions. Where a reference is specific to Otago, you may need to locate a similar organisation or position at your institution. Check the contacts section for groups that may be able to assist you if you're stuck.

ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR:

All universities and training institutions have an ethical behaviour policy in some form. The policy protects all students and staff from harassment, discrimination, and abuse of authority. For example, a portion of Otago University's policy reads:

'The objective of this policy is to promote ethical dealings between members of the University community and to provide an environment of safety, respect and dignity so members can participate fully in all aspects of University life.

OTHER INDEPENDENT SERVICES FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS:

STUDENT HEALTH:

The name you use to enrol will initially be used on student health records. It can be changed by your doctor. Student Health is able to alter your gender/sex, but your national health index number will remain the same

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS:

Universities supply gender data to their student associations. Therefore, associations such as OUSA do not 'officially' collect gender data. Filling in gender data on surveys is optional. There is an increasing awareness of issues such as whether trans women are eligible to run and/or vote for the women's representative position on student executive.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES AND RECREATION SERVICES:

Gender items on surveys are optional. Most activities are not gender specific, but participation in gender segregated activities is in accordance with a student's enrolment gender at the university. Competitive sports clubs recruit their own players independent of Clubs and Socs. Uni Games has men's and women's divisions; Uni Sport has stated that they allow students to self-identify their genders.

For more about your rights, potential sources of support, or to join others in lobbying for change, see the contacts list.

GENDER:

The Ministry of Education requires universities to cite 'original' gender documentation to align citizenship with enrolment details for funding purposes.

'Gender' is recorded for statistical purposes. It does not show on management systems such as PIMS, Myvictoria, and nDeva. Gender details rarely appear on study records.

ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE

*Students can not apply to have a gender, other than what is on their birth certificate, recorded on enrolment.

X PASSPORT/ STATUTORY DECLARATION

*Neither can be used as an alternative for a new birth certificate.

CHANGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE

*Can be used as if it were the original birth certificate to record listed gender on enrolment.

NAMES:

The University of Otago is aware of the relationship between names and gender presentation. The following standards can also be used at other universities.

	PREFERRED NAME	LEGALLY CHANGED
ENROLMENT	*A student can register a 'preferred' name at any time by contacting the University Information Centre. * The preferred name does not appear on class lists, graduation certificates, diplomas, or transcripts. * It does appear on the student's ID card and the database of student information.	*Once name is legally changed all records are changed. *Previous names are kept under a restricted record. *You must contact the Student Records Office to request that previous names are not printed on transcripts or course approval forms.
	*At present a 'preferred' name may not be used to make the user name.	*Student user names can be changed by clearly stating, in writing, why the change is required. Contact University Student Services Director or similar position at your university.
GRADUATION CERTIFICATES		*Re-issued with official documentation of 'gender change'. Contact the Manager, Student Administration.