



**New Zealand Institute of  
Surveyors  
Policy Statement**

**A11 – NZIS Membership Policy**

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There shall be six categories of membership, namely:

1. Student Member
2. Affiliate Member
3. Associate Member
4. Voting Member
5. Retired Member
6. Overseas Member

### **1. Student Member**

1.1 An applicant for Student membership shall be enrolled at a university or tertiary education provider and undertake a course of study recognised by NZIS Council.

1.2 An applicant for admission as a Student member shall complete the appropriate on-line application form.

1.3 A Student will remain as a member in this category until the end of the financial year after he/she graduates or until he/she is accepted into any other category of membership of NZIS.

### **2. Affiliate Member**

2.1 An applicant for Affiliate membership shall be a sponsor, corporate body or individuals who have an interest in or association with NZIS.

2.2 An applicant for admission as an Affiliate member shall complete the appropriate on-line application form.

### **3. Associate Member**

3.1 An applicant for Associate Member shall meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a) has completed a degree or diploma course of study recognised by NZIS Council; or
- b) holds an alternative academic qualification and is currently employed in the surveying and spatial sector; or
- c) has been working in the surveying or spatial sector for a period of at least 2 years.

3.2 An applicant for admission as an Associate Member shall:

- a) complete the appropriate on-line application form
- b) be nominated by one Voting Member or Retired Member
- c) have the appropriate qualification or experience

3.3 If the application does not rely on offshore qualifications, it can be approved by the CEO. Induction into NZIS will be completed by National Office with support from NZIS Branch, Division or Stream as appropriate to the applicants location and interests. Where further enquiries are required with regard to section 3.1 or 3.2, the



CEO may refer the application to the Membership Services Committee for a decision.

3.4 The designatory letters of Associate Members shall be ANZIS.

#### **4. Voting Member**

4.1 Applicants for Voting Member shall meet all of the following criteria:

a) Can document a minimum of seven years in total comprising of study towards a qualification recognised by NZIS Council plus professional experience or seven years of professional experience only if a qualification recognised by NZIS Council has not been obtained.

*Note: Professional experience means taking responsibility for work completed.*

- b) Can demonstrate expertise, responsibility and professionalism in their work by satisfactory completion of the NZIS Voting Member Application & Declaration which covers qualifications, experience, ethics, commitment to learning, understanding of professionalism,
- c) Has been nominated by one Voting Member or Retired Member (NZIS can appoint a mentor /nominator if requested).
- d) Satisfactory completion of a telephone or internet interview on the above information.

4.2 If the application does not rely on offshore qualifications or experience and satisfies all criteria, it can be approved by the CEO. Induction into NZIS will be completed by the National Office with support from, NZIS Branch, Division or Stream as appropriate to the applicants' location and interests. Where further enquiries are required with regard to section 4.1, the CEO will refer the application to the Membership Services Committee for a decision.

The Committee may review any application decision of the CEO.

4.3 The designatory letters of a Voting Member shall be MNZIS.

#### **5. Retired Member**

5.1 Applicants for Retired Member shall meet the following criteria:

5.1.a Has substantially retired from employment in the surveying and spatial sector and before their retirement held Voting Member or Associate Member status.

5.1.b Part time employment not exceeding 7 hours per week is allowed under this category.

#### **6. Overseas Member**

6.1 Applicants for Overseas Member shall meet the following criteria:



6.1.a They do not intend to be resident in New Zealand for 183 days or more in the next 12 months and

6.1.b Have demonstrated through the application process eligibility for acceptance as a Voting Member or Associate Member if they were resident in New Zealand.

## **7. Member Obligations**

Member obligations:

- a. All Members must conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner and must comply with the rules of NZIS, any requirements arising from those rules and with any code of conduct or other policy or process adopted by NZIS.
- b. All Members must pay Fees to NZIS as required by NZIS. Membership fees will be set by the NZIS Board and announced annually in June.
- c. Criminal convictions punishable by imprisonment will generally disbar an applicant from membership of NZIS, however, in circumstances where 12 years of clean slate and rehabilitation factors can be demonstrated and the offending was not so egregious, an application for membership may be considered by NZIS Council.

## **8. Member Benefits**

Member benefits are listed in the following table:



## Membership Categories & Benefits

	Student	Affiliate	Associate	Voting	Overseas	Retired
<b>NZIS Benefits</b>						
Voting & speaking rights under constitution				✓		
Electronic publications	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hardcopy publications	Option	✓	✓	✓	✓	Option
Website access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Registered professional certification				✓		
Conference & CPD Events at member rates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Webinars at member rates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Branch/Stream/Division Networking Events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HR & employment support, salary survey			✓	✓		

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Graduate training & mentoring support	✓		✓			
Designatory Letters			ANZIS	MNZIS	MNZIS or ANZIS	MNZIS orANZIS
Advocacy on standards & issues for members	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Scholarships & training grants	✓		✓	✓		
Awards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotion of the surveying & spatial sector	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member deals on goods & services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Notes :

- I. For more detail [http://www.surveyors.org.nz/Category?Action=View&Category\\_id=32](http://www.surveyors.org.nz/Category?Action=View&Category_id=32)
- II. Student Members receive selected NZIS publications and communications in electronic format
- III. Retired Members & Student Members can elect to receive mailed out publications subject to payment of the advertised fee.
- IV. All categories of member may attend the AGM. Voting Members have voting and speaking rights all other members may speak with permission of the President.