



# Survey and Spatial New Zealand Policy Statement

## **S+SNZ Membership Policy**



There shall be six categories of membership, namely:

1. Student Member
2. Associate Member
3. Voting Member
4. Affiliate 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 S+SNZ Council.
- 1.2. An applicant for admission as a Student member shall complete the appropriate on-line application form and provide evidence and date of course enrollment.
- 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 S+SNZ.
- 1.4. The designatory letters of Student Members shall be MS+SNZ (Student).

### **2. Associate Member**

- 2.1. 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 S+SNZ 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.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. If the application does not rely on offshore qualifications, the application can be approved by the CEO. Induction into S+SNZ will be completed by National Office with support from S+SNZ Branch, Division or Stream as appropriate to the applicant's location and interests. Where further enquiries are required with regard to section 2.1 or 2.2, the CEO may refer the application to the S+SNZ Council for a decision.
- 2.4. If an application relies on an offshore qualification an equivalency assessment may be requested.
- 2.5. On graduation from a relevant tertiary course, a graduate can apply for Associate (Graduate) membership for their first year of working.
- 2.6. The designatory letters of Associate Members shall be MS+SNZ (Assoc).

### **3. Voting Member**

- 3.1. Applicants for Voting Member shall meet all of the following criteria:
  - a) Can document a minimum of seven years of study and or experience in total. This can comprise of study towards a qualification recognised by S+SNZ Council plus professional experience or seven years of professional experience only if a qualification





recognised by S+SNZ 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 S+SNZ 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 (S+SNZ can appoint a mentor /nominator if requested).
  - d) A telephone or online interview on the above information may be completed.
- 3.2. If the application does not rely on offshore qualifications or experience and satisfies all criteria, it can be approved by the CEO. Induction into S+SNZ will be completed by the National Office with support from, S+SNZ Branch, Division or Stream as appropriate to the applicants' location and interests. Where further enquiries are required with regard to section 3.1, the CEO will refer the application to the S+SNZ Council for a decision. The Council may review any application decision of the CEO.

3.3. The designatory letters of a Voting Member shall be MS+SNZ.

#### **4. Affiliate Member**

- 4.1. An applicant for Affiliate membership shall be a sponsor, corporate body or individuals who have an interest in or association with S+SNZ.
- 4.2. An applicant for admission as an Affiliate member shall complete the appropriate on-line application form.
- 4.3. The designatory letters of Affiliate Members shall be MS+SNZ (Affiliate)

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

- 5.1. Applicants for Retired Member shall meet the following criteria:
  - a) Has substantially retired from employment in the surveying and spatial sector and before their retirement held Voting Member or Associate Member status.
  - b) Part time employment not exceeding 7 hours per week is allowed under this category.
  - c) The designatory letters of Retired Members shall be MS+SNZ (Ret).

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

- 6.1. Applicants for Overseas Member shall meet the following criteria:
  - a) Provide evidence that they do not intend to be resident in New Zealand for 183 days or more in the next 12 months and
  - b) Have demonstrated through the application process eligibility for acceptance as a Voting Member or Associate Member as if they were resident in New Zealand.
  - c) If an application relies on an offshore qualification, an equivalency assessment may be requested.
  - d) Overseas applicants will be required to pay an administration fee.
  - e) The designatory letters of Overseas Members shall be MS+SNZ (Overseas).



## **7. Member Obligations**

- 7.1. All Members must conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner and must comply with the rules of S+SNZ, any requirements arising from those rules and with any code of conduct or other policy or process adopted by S+SNZ.
- 7.2. All Members must pay Fees to S+SNZ as required by S+SNZ. Membership fees will be set by the S+SNZ Board and announced annually in June.
- 7.3. Fees may be paid for a member via a bulk Company invoice option provided by Nat O.
- 7.4. Criminal convictions punishable by imprisonment will generally disbar an applicant from membership of S+SNZ, 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 S+SNZ Council.
- 7.5. A member may apply to have their membership 'On Hold' eg If on Parental Leave from work.
- 7.6. Any person who was a member and that membership has lapsed for more than 3 years will need to meet the membership requirements to renew their membership. Otherwise, no further examination will be required however the Council will have the final say as to whether to accept the renewal.



## 8. Member Benefits

Member benefits are listed in the following table:

<b>S+SNZ Benefits</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Associate</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Overseas</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
Registered professional certification			✓			
Voting & speaking rights under constitution			✓			
HR & employment support, salary survey		✓	✓			
Graduate training & mentoring support	✓	✓				
Electronic publications	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hardcopy publications		Optional	✓Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Website access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conference & CPD Events at member rates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Webinars at member rates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Branch/Stream/Division Networking Events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Advocacy on standards & issues for members	✓	✓	✓			✓
Scholarships & training grants	✓	✓	✓			
Awards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotion of the surveying & spatial sector	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member deals on goods & services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Designatory Letters		MS+SNZ (Assoc)	MS+SNZ	MS+SNZ (Overseas)	MS+SNZ (Retired)	MS+SNZ (Affiliate)

Notes :

- I. For more detail see [www.surveyspatialnz.org/ Membership Information](http://www.surveyspatialnz.org/ Membership Information)
- II. Student Members receive selected S+SNZ publications and communications in electronic format
- III. 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.