



## ***Membership application form***

### **1. Objectives of the society**

1. To further the practice, professionalism and recognition of occupational hygiene in New Zealand.
2. To create and maintain a network for the transfer of information, professional contacts and support.
3. To monitor and influence the development of occupational health and safety legislation, standards and codes of practice.
4. To aid the practice and understanding of occupational hygiene as a subject, through such avenues as workshops, conferences and the media.

### **2. Code of ethics**

On becoming a member of NZOHS, members agree to abide by its code of ethics. This code is based on the IOHA code of ethics (IOHA = International Occupational Hygiene Association). Members who belong to other occupational hygiene organisations may be required to abide by the ethics codes of those organisations. The codes of other organisations are likely to be compatible but if any conflicts arise, they should be addressed to the NZOHS committee.

#### **NZOHS Code of ethics**

##### **1. Professional responsibility**

Occupational hygienists are responsible for exercising their profession in an honest and competent manner in accordance with the recognised principles of Occupational Hygiene, which acknowledge that the life, health and well-being of individuals depend on their professional judgement. They avoid circumstances which might compromise their professional judgement or give rise to conflicts of interest, so that they can guarantee the integrity of their profession. They conduct their work in accordance with agreed standards of quality assurance.

##### **2. Responsibility for themselves and others**

Occupational hygienists must maintain a high degree of integrity and competence, use appropriate scientific methods and interpret their results with good faith in a neutral manner. They must share scientific knowledge for the well-being of workers, society and the profession, protect confidential information and only deal with subjects within their own sphere of competence. They apply a systematic approach based on a sound analysis of hazard, risk and risk management methods.

### **3. Responsibility towards employees and other workers**

Occupational hygienists must acknowledge that their first duty is to protect the health and well-being of employees and workers. They take an objective approach to the assessment, identification, evaluation and control of risks to health, without subjecting themselves to external influences, in recognising that the health and well-being of employees and other persons depend on their competence and professional judgement. They aim to provide the same standard of care, in an even-handed manner, to all the employees for whom they are responsible.

### **4. Responsibility towards employers and clients**

Occupational hygienists must provide advice to employers and clients in an honest, responsible and competent manner. They must respect confidentiality and properly discharge their responsibilities to employers and clients. However, these responsibilities are subordinate to their ultimate responsibility, which is to protect the lives and well-being of employees. They advise employers and clients on current standards, directives and all other legal requirements in the area of occupational hygiene. They report their results and make their recommendations in a true and honest manner and make sure that their professional judgement is applied only within their own sphere of competence and expertise. They manage and administer their professional services to ensure a high standard of sound and reliable reporting, which records and explains the results obtained and the conclusions drawn from them.

### **5. Responsibilities towards the public and the environment**

Occupational hygienists must take into account the eventual impact of the decisions and actions they take on the public and the environment. They give honest, effective and pragmatic advice to all parties concerned with risks to health and the means of protection. They apply the principles of occupational hygiene in a responsible manner to contribute to the creation and maintenance of a good environment for everyone.

### **6. Responsibilities towards the community and conflicts of interest**

Occupational hygienists must operate on the principle that in dealing with risks that impinge on both the working and the wider community, employers, clients, employees and the public will have common interests. However, if conflicts of interest do appear, they must be resolved in a manner which does least damage to workers, the environment and the community.

### **3. Membership grades and fees**

**Fees** – See application and membership level fees document

**Associate** – A candidate for admission as associate of the society shall be required:

- a) at the time application is made to be working in the field of occupational hygiene or in a closely allied field of scientific endeavour, or have an interest in occupational hygiene; or
- b) to demonstrate their activities and/or interests are consistent with some or all of the objectives of the society.
- c) An associate cannot claim post nominal 'NZOHS' titles.

**Technician member** – A candidate for admission as technician member of the society shall be required:

- a) To have a first degree or diploma in Science or Engineering acceptable to Council, or have successfully completed an OHLearning module (passed course practical and exam);
- b) At the time application of membership is made to be working in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its specialist branches;
- c) To have worked for at least one year in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its specialist branches;
- d) To demonstrate to the Council that an acceptable level of understanding of the basic principles of occupational hygiene has been achieved by providing a copy of one report conducted and written by the applicant in an occupational hygiene field.
- e) Technician members of the Society shall be entitled to use the initials TNZOHS.
- f) If the applicant intends specializing in only one field of occupational hygiene they shall be entitled to use the initials TNZOHS followed by their specialisation e.g. TNZOHS (asbestos).
- g) Technician members can opt in to the NZOHS continuing professional development system but are not required to do so.

**Full member** – A candidate for admission as full member shall be required:

- a) to have a degree or diploma in Science or Engineering acceptable to the Council, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Council; and
- b) at the time application for membership is made to be working in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its related branches; and
- c) to have worked for more than five years in a professional capacity in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its specialized branches; and
- d) To demonstrate to the Council the professional level of hygiene work they conduct by providing two reports of occupational hygiene assessments, surveys, papers or lectures conducted and written by the applicant. Professional level indicates a high level of occupational hygiene (or a related branch) advice or assessment ideally covering anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control aspects, and
- e) to sit an oral examination to demonstrate to the Council a satisfactory level of professional competence.
- f) Full members are required to abide by the NZOHS continuing professional development system and maintain the required points in the required time period.
- g) Full members of the Society shall be entitled to use the initials MNZOHS.
- h) If the applicant specializes in only one specific field of occupational hygiene they shall be entitled to use the initials MNZOHS followed by their specialisation e.g. NZOHS (asbestos).

**Fellow member** – An applicant may be considered as a 'Fellow' where they meet the following:

- a) To have been a Full Member of NZOHS for at least five years;
- b) To have worked for more than fifteen years in a professional capacity in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its specialist branches;
- c) To have made a distinguished contribution to the advancement of the profession of occupational hygiene and NZOHS.
- d) To have actively participated in the council of NZOHS.
- e) To be nominated by a Full or Fellow member of NZOHS and to be seconded by a Full or Fellow member of NZOHS.
- f) Fellow members of the Society shall be entitled to use the initials FNZOHS.



**General membership application form (for all applicants)**

Name	
Company	
Postal Address (where NZOHS correspondence will be sent)	
Physical Address	
Phone	
Mobile	
Email	
Membership grade you are applying for (delete as appropriate)	Associate  Technician  Full

***I attest that all information provided in my application is true and correct:***

*Signed:*

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***I agree to abide by the NZOHS code of ethics:***

*Signed:*

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### ***Associate membership applications***

Please provide a description of your activities in occupational hygiene, or related fields. If not working in occupational hygiene or a related field, please describe how your activities and/or interests are consistent with some or all of the objectives of the society.

### ***Technician membership applications***

Please provide:

1. A description of your activities in occupational hygiene, or related fields.
2. A photocopy of your academic records, and or OHLearning module results.
3. One report of an occupational hygiene assessment or survey or project which demonstrates that you can approach a practical occupational hygiene problem using the occupational hygiene principles of recognition, evaluation and control that are appropriate to technician level of membership.

### ***Full membership applications***

Please attach the following documents:

1. A photocopy of your academic records.
2. A letter from one referee, who shall testify to your professional competence, duties, responsibilities, work performance and length of experience.
3. Two reports of occupational hygiene assessments, surveys, papers or lectures which illustrate the type and professional level of hygiene work that you do. At least one report shall be less than one year old. Professional level indicates a high level of occupational hygiene (or a related branch) advice or assessment ideally covering anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control aspects. All information will be confidential and retained by NZOHS. Anonymised reports are acceptable.
4. Confirmation of membership of other professional organisations in, or related to occupational hygiene.
5. A current CV.

### **Please return the forms to:**

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