

Membership Application Form

1. Objectives of the Society

- To further the practice, professionalism and recognition of Occupational Hygiene in New Zealand.
- To create and maintain a network for the transfer of information, professional contacts and support.
- To monitor and influence the development of occupational health and safety legislation, standards and codes of practice.
- To aid the practice and understanding of occupational hygiene as a profession, 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 also 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 Council.

(View Code of Ethics on our website – see: <https://nzohs.org.nz/membership/nzohs-code-of-ethics/>)

3. Membership grades and fees

Fees – See application and membership level fees document:

(<https://nzohs.org.nz/membership/nzohs-membership-forms/>)

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

- To 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; and
 - 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
 - To have an interest in occupational hygiene; or
 - To demonstrate their activities and/or interests are consistent with some or all of the objectives of the society.
- An associate cannot claim or use the post nominal 'NZOHS' titles.

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

- To have a degree or diploma in Science or Engineering acceptable to the Membership Committee, or have successfully completed an OHLearning module (passed course practical and exam) – a photocopy of your academic records and/or OHLearning module results are required; and
- At the time application of membership is made, to be working in the field of occupational hygiene, including one of its specialist branches; and
- To have worked for at least one year in the field of occupational hygiene, including its specialist branches; and

- To provide to the Membership Committee a description of your activities in occupational hygiene, or related fields; and
 - To demonstrate to the Membership Committee that an acceptable level of understanding of the basic principles of occupational hygiene (ideally covering anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control aspects) has been achieved by providing a copy of one report conducted and written by the applicant in an occupational hygiene field (<https://nzohs.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NZOHS-Report-Writing-Guide-V1.pdf>); and
 - To provide a letter from one referee, who shall testify to your professional competence, duties and responsibilities, work performance and length of experience working in occupational hygiene or one of its specialist branches.
- Technician members of the Society shall be entitled to use the initials TNZOHS.
 - If the applicant specializes in only one specific field of occupational hygiene, this must be specified in the post nominal – the TNZOHS must always be followed by the specialty for which the membership has been approved e.g. TNZOHS (noise) or TNZOHS (asbestos).
 - Technician members can opt in to the NZOHS continuing professional development system but are not required to do so.
 - Technician members may not list on the HASANZ register, except by separate application. They will only be considered if they have >5yrs experience and be specifically approved under a specialist area.

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

- To have a degree or diploma in Science or Engineering acceptable to the Membership Committee, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Membership Committee – a photocopy of your academic records will be required; and
- At the time of application, to be working in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its specialised branches; and
- To have worked for more than five years in a professional capacity in the field of occupational hygiene, including specialised branches; and
- To provide a letter from **two** referees, who shall testify to your professional competence, duties, responsibilities, work performance and length of experience working in occupational hygiene or one of its specialist branches.; and
- To provide a current CV; and
- To demonstrate to the Membership Committee the professional level of hygiene work they conduct by providing two reports (<https://nzohs.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NZOHS-Report-Writing-Guide-V1.pdf>) of occupational hygiene assessments, surveys, papers or lectures conducted and written by the applicant. Professional level indicates a high level of occupational hygiene, advice or assessment covering anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control of work related health risks. At least one report shall be less than one year old. All information will be confidential and retained by NZOHS. Anonymised reports are acceptable; and
- To sit an oral examination to demonstrate to the Membership Committee a satisfactory level of professional competence, at the discretion of the Membership Committee.
- If certified as an occupational hygienist, please provide evidence of certification, and what scheme (e.g. AIOH, ABIH, BOHS, SAIOH etc). _____

- Full Members will have undergone some specific occupational hygiene training courses and/or worked under mentorship.
- Full members are required to abide by the NZOHS continuing professional development system and maintain the required points in the required time period (<https://nzohs.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/NZOHS-CPD-rulebook-Jan-2016.pdf>).
- Full members of the Society shall be entitled to use the initials MNZOHS.
- If the applicant specializes in only one specific field of occupational hygiene, this must be specified in the post nominal – the MNZOHS must always be followed by the specialty for which the membership has been approved – e.g., MNZOH (asbestos); or TNZOHS (noise). Note: Although experience may be predominantly in one specialist area, Full Members of NZOHS (regardless of specialty) must be able to provide evidence of understanding and experience in general occupational hygiene (i.e. recognition, identification, assessment and control of risks to worker health).

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

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

Full or Fellow members who retire from employment can apply for retired membership. Members who retire on grounds of ill health, regardless of age, and will not be returning to any paid employment can also apply. Retired status allows for continuation of all rights and privileges of NZOHS membership at a reduced rate. Note that retired membership is only available to those who have retired from employment. If you return to any type of employment (greater than 20% employment) where you are paid, whether this be salaried employment or for providing “occupational hygiene services” you will no longer be eligible for retired membership.

Retired Full or Fellow members will not be required to maintain CPD points and will not be eligible to list on the HASANZ register

Retired members will be entitled to use MNZOHS(Ret) or FNZOHS(Ret)

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 or circle)	Associate	Technician	
	Full	Retired	
State specialty (if relevant)			

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

Signed:

I agree to abide by the NZOHS code of ethics - see: <https://nzohs.org.nz/membership/nzohs-code-of-ethics/>

Signed:

Please return the forms to:

By Post:
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New Zealand
By Email:
admin@nzohs.org.nz