

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 an Associate or a Member of NZOHS, Associates and 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. NZOHS Associate and Membership grades and fees

See application and membership level fees document: <https://nzohs.org.nz/nzohs-membership-fees/>

NZOHS Associate – (Please **tick off all listed requirements** and include all when submitting your application). 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 are consistent with some or all of the objectives of the Society; and/or interests.
- At the time the 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
- Demonstrate their activities and/or interests are consistent with some or all of the objectives of the society.

NOTE: An NZOHS associate cannot claim or use the post nominal 'NZOHS' titles.

Technician Member - (Please tick off **ALL** listed requirements and include all when submitting your application). 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, and / or have successfully completed at least two OHLearning 500 series modules (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; and
- Have worked for at least **two years** in the field of occupational hygiene, and
- Provide to the Membership Committee a description of your activities in occupational hygiene, or related fields; and
- Provide a current CV; and
- 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; and
- Confirm you have read and are submitting report(s) that align with the “Guidelines for Writing Occupational Hygiene Reports” <https://nzohs.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NZOHS-Report-Writing-Guide-V1.pdf>
- 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.

NOTE: Technician members of the Society shall be entitled to use the initials TNZOHS.

- Technician members can opt into the NZOHS continuing professional development (CPD) system but are not required to do so.
- Technician members may not list on the **HASANZ register** (but may if they meet other Full Member professional association registration standards – under that association).

Full Member – (Please **tick off all listed requirements** and include all when submitting your application) – unless you are a Certified Occupational Hygienist of another scheme (please provide evidence of Certification). A candidate for admission as a 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; and
- Have worked for more than **five years** in a professional capacity in the field of occupational hygiene; and
- 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; and
- Provide a current CV; and
- 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
- Confirm you have read and are submitting report(s) that align with the “Guidelines for Writing Occupational Hygiene Reports” <https://nzohs.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NZOHS-Report-Writing-Guide-V1.pdf>
- 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).

Detail: _____

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/membership/nzohs-membership-forms/>

Full members of the Society **shall be entitled to use the initials MNZOHS.**

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; 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)

Reports submitted with Technician and Full Member Applications

The Membership Committee will assess technical competency with reference to the pillars of occupational hygiene, highlighted in bold text. Examples of the areas that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

Anticipation: what evidence has been provided in the report(s) that shows that the applicant has planned the site work? E.g. was a walk-through conducted? Was monitoring conducted at a time when sufficient samples could be taken?

Recognition: what issues exist that might present health risks for workers, even if not in the scope of works? Did the applicant discuss the health effects of the various risks in the report? Did the applicant use the chemical inventory or risk register, or some other method to help inform them of what health risks might be present at the business? Did the applicant talk to the workers?

Evaluation: what methodology was chosen? Was it appropriate? Were existing controls assessed for their effectiveness? What monitoring results were obtained and what degree of confidence is associated with the reporting of the results? Have limitations of the assessment been discussed?

Control: has the applicant made recommendations for controls, where appropriate? Are the recommendations supported by the assessment of health risk?

Communication: does the report read well? Is it logically structured and without basic spelling and grammatical errors? Will the Executive Summary make sense to the reader who may not have technical training? Is the report succinct?

The NZOHS strongly encourages applicants who are submitting reports in support of their applications for membership of the Society to read and follow the report writing guidelines:

<https://nzohs.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NZOHS-Report-Writing-Guide-V1.pdf>

General membership application form (for all applicants)

Name			
Company			
Postal Address (where NZOHS correspondence may will be sent)			
Physical Address			
Phone		Mobile	
Email			
NZOHS Associate Application		Associate	
Membership grade you are applying for (delete as appropriate or circle)		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> Technician Full Retired </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"><i>For further advice on Technician and Full Member applications, please see page 5.</i></p>	

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:

POST: PO Box 3810, Richmond 7050, Nelson, New Zealand

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