
NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR MIGRATION AND INVESTMENT
REGULATION 1 - MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

These Regulations replace Regulation 1 from the date of approval by the Board
pursuant to Rule 17

All members of NZAMI must hold membership in one of the following classes whose prerequisites and attendant benefits are set out below.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 "NZAMI Application Form" means any form prepared by NZAMI for the purpose of accepting applications for membership;
- 1.2 "Exempt Advisers" are exempt from the need to hold a license under the Immigration Advisers' Licensing Act 2007;
- 1.3 "IAA" is the Immigration Advisers' Authority;
- 1.4 "Lawyers" are as defined in the Lawyers and Conveyancers' Act 2006 who hold a current Practising Certificate issued by the New Zealand Law Society;
- 1.5 "Immigration Advisers" and "immigration advice" are as defined in the Immigration Advisers' Licensing Act 2007;
- 1.6 "Licensed Advisers" are Immigration Advisers who hold a current Full, Limited or Provisional Licence issued by the IAA;
- 1.7 "Member" means any person organisation that holds one of the classes of membership of NZAMI.
- 1.8 "Overseas Based Advisers" are Immigration Advisers who are domiciled outside New Zealand and who are not Licensed Advisers;
- 1.9 "Person" must be an individual and does not include a body corporate; and
- 1.10 "Rules" and "Rule" means the Rules of NZAMI or a Rule of those Rules, and terms used in these Regulations shall be deemed to have the meaning ascribed to them in the Rules unless otherwise defined in these Regulations.

2. Full Membership

- 2.1 Eligibility and Evidence: The following categories of persons may be Full Members and must provide the evidence specified:
 - (a) Licensed Advisers who have held an IAA licence for a minimum of 2 years as at the time of applying for membership to NZAMI
 - (i) IAA licence number; and
 - (ii) IAA licence type and expiry date.
 - (b) Exempt Advisers
 - (i) Evidence of exempt status (in the case of lawyers, a copy of their current Practising Certificate); and

- (ii) Signed Statutory Declaration as to their competence to provide immigration advice.
- (c) Overseas Based Advisers
 - (i) Provide evidence to demonstrate that they
 - are competent in the English language in order to fulfill all duties as an Immigration Adviser;
 - have sufficient administrative infrastructure in order to fulfill all professional obligations expected of a Licensed Immigration Adviser;
 - have access to copies of all the law, policy and procedure documents listed on the NZAMI Application Form; and
 - are registered with the immigration adviser registration body of their country of domicile if that country requires registration.
 - (ii) Signed Statutory Declaration that they
 - have been in business or employed as an Immigration Adviser for a period of no less than 12 months;
 - agree to be bound by the Rules and Code of Ethics of NZAMI; and
 - have no character or fitness to practice characteristics that would disqualify them from becoming a Licensed Immigration Adviser

2.2 **Benefits:** Full Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI and in particular shall be entitled:

- (a) To attend all educational, promotional and social courses and functions run by or on behalf of NZAMI subject to payment of any attendance fee;
- (b) To publicise membership and use the NZAMI logo and other visual identifiers as defined by the Board in regulations or as approved by the Board from time to time, or on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) To vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings; and
- (d) To be elected and to serve as a Director of the Board.

3. Non-Principal Membership

3.1 **Eligibility and Evidence:** All categories of persons who may be Full Members may instead be Non-Principal Members provided that:

- (a) They provide the evidence required for an application for Full Membership at cl. 2.1; and
- (b) They provide evidence that they are employed by a current Full Member or by an organisation which employs at least one current Full Member.

3.2 **Benefits:** Non-Principal Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI which are available to Full Members except that they are not entitled:

- (a) To vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings; and
- (b) To be elected and to serve as a Director of the Board

4. Associate Membership

4.1 Eligibility and Evidence: The following categories of persons or organisations may be Associate Members and must provide the evidence specified:

- (a) Category 1: Individuals or organisations with an interest in immigration but who are not in the business of providing immigration advice:
 - (i) No evidence of eligibility is required but in the case of an organisation one person must be nominated to be the organisation's representative.
- (b) Category 2: Individuals who are Exempt Advisers and for whom the giving of immigration advice is either not their primary role or is not undertaken for financial gain:
 - (i) Evidence of exempt status (in the case of lawyers, a copy of their current Practising Certificate); and
 - (ii) Signed Statutory Declaration stating that giving immigration advice is not their primary role or is not undertaken for financial gain.
- (c) Category 3: Individuals who wish to remain informed on immigration matters but who are ineligible to give immigration advice at the time an application for membership is approved:
 - (i) Signed Statutory Declaration
 - stating that they are not giving immigration advice at the time of applying for membership;
 - undertaking, upon becoming a Licensed Adviser, to inform the Secretary of that change of status; and
 - agreeing to be deemed to hold Full Membership upon becoming a Licensed Adviser.

4.2 Benefits: Associate Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI which are available to Non-Principal Members.

4.3 Associate Members who carry out voluntary or not-for-profit work, or who belong to voluntary or not-for-profit organisations, may upon written application obtain a waiver of the annual membership fee.

5. Honorary Membership

5.1 Eligibility and Evidence: A Full Member may be granted Honorary Membership where:

- (a) It is determined that he or she has made an outstanding contribution to the NZAMI; and
- (b) He or she is nominated by the Board and the nomination is approved by majority vote at a Special General Meeting.

- 5.2 Benefits: Honorary Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI which are available to Full Members.
- 5.3 A Full Member may hold Honorary Membership for one term only of two years. A former Honorary Member is not eligible for a second term of Honorary Membership.
- 5.4 During the term of Honorary Membership the annual membership fee is waived.

6. Life Membership

- 6.1 Eligibility and Evidence: An individual who need not be a Member at the time of nomination may be granted Life Membership where:
 - (a) It is determined that he or she has provided exceptional long-standing service to the NZAMI; and
 - (b) He or she is nominated by the Board and the nomination is approved by majority vote at a Special General Meeting.
- 6.2 Benefits: Honorary Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI which are available to Full Members. The term of Life Membership is for the life of the Life Member.
- 6.3 During the term of Life Membership the annual membership fee is waived and the Life Member may attend all CPD events and the NZAMI Conference at no charge.

7. Student Membership

- 7.1 Eligibility and Evidence: individuals who have been accepted onto the Bay of Plenty Graduate Diploma in New Zealand Immigration Advice (Level 7) or any subsequent qualification mandated by the Immigration Advisers Authority as a prerequisite to becoming a Licensed Immigration Adviser (“the qualification”) may be Student Members and must provide the evidence specified:
 - (a) Evidence that he or she has been accepted for admission onto the qualification
- 7.2 Benefits: Student Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI which are available to Full Members except they are not entitled:
 - (a) To vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings and
 - (b) To be elected and to serve as a Director of the Board

8. Primary Membership

- 8.1 Eligibility and Evidence: individuals who have been a Licensed Immigration Adviser for less than 2 years (at the time of making the application for membership to NZAMI) may be Primary Members and must provide the evidence specified at 8.1 (a) below. A Primary Member shall become a Full Principal or Full Non Principal Member after being a Primary Member for a period of 2 years or once they meet the requirements of Clause 2.1 of these regulations (i.e. have been licensed for 2 years)

provided that he or she has attended a minimum of ten NZAMI Continuing Professional Development events (to include attendance in person *or* purchasing a recording of a seminar, webinar, workshop, cell group meeting or annual conference in the preceding 2 years):

(a) Evidence that he or she has successfully completed the qualification

8.2 **Benefits:** Primary Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI which are available to Full Members except they are not entitled:

(a) To vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings and

(b) To be elected and to serve as a Director of the Board

9. Benefits for Directors

9.1 A Member appointed to the NZAMI Board pursuant to the Rules must be a Full Member and is entitled to all the benefits which are available to Full Members.

9.2 In addition all Directors (pursuant to Rule 7.2):

(a) are exempt from paying the Annual Membership Fee when it comes due for payment during the term of their Board appointment; and

(b) may attend CPD events and the NZAMI Conference at no charge during the term of their Board appointment.

9.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the Chairman's Membership Fee is waived with effect from the beginning of the financial year following his or her election to that office pursuant to Rule 11.20.

10. Change of Membership Status

10.1 In the case where any Member whose circumstances change such that the Member is no longer eligible for the class of membership that the Member holds ("the original membership"), but is eligible for another class of membership ("the new membership"), the following provisions apply.

(a) NZAMI may give written notice to the Member of its intention to reclassify the Member's membership and shall specify which class or classes of membership for which the Member appears to be eligible;

(b) The Member shall be invited to indicate which new membership they will adopt and to notify NZAMI within 30 days of receiving notice from NZAMI as per c. 10.1(a);


(c) Upon receiving notice of the Member's choice of new membership, the NZAMI shall amend and record the Member's membership accordingly, provided that the Member is eligible for the new membership according to the information available to NZAMI at the time; and

(d) In the event that the Member does not respond to notice from NZAMI within 30 days of the date of the notice, NZAMI shall be entitled to assign the Member the new membership as it sees fit, providing that

the Member is eligible for the new membership according to the information available to NZAMI at the time.

- 10.2 Where a change of membership pursuant to cl. 10.1 results in an increase in the fee payable by the Member for that year of membership in which the change of membership takes place, NZAMI shall be entitled to invoice the Member for the difference between the fee for the original membership and the fee for the new membership for each whole pro-rata period (as set out in Regulation 6) following the date on which the Member notifies their choice of membership or NZAMI amends the Member's membership as the case may be.
- 10.3 Where a change of membership pursuant to cl. 10.1 would result in a decrease in the fee payable by the Member for that year of membership, the Member is not entitled to a refund of the difference between the fee for the original membership and the fee for the new membership for the balance of the year of membership in which the change of membership takes place.

APPROVED by the Board this 08th day of August 2017

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Secretary