
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 or organisation that holds one of the classes of membership of NZAMI.
- 1.8 "Person" must be an individual and does not include a body corporate; and
- 1.9 "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
 - (i) IAA licence number; and
 - (ii) IAA licence type and expiry date.
 - (iii) Provisional License holders must provide their supervisor's name and sign a declaration that they understand that they must make prospective clients aware that they hold a Provisional License and are being supervised

- (b) Exempt Advisers
 - (i) Evidence of exempt status (in the case of lawyers, a copy of their current Practising Certificate); and
 - (ii) A signed declaration as to their competence to provide immigration advice.

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: Organizations with an interest in immigration but who are not in the business of providing immigration advice

No evidence of eligibility is required but one person must be nominated to be the organization'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 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) A signed 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 Any applicant for the above categories who is not in New Zealand must provide the following information additional to that required above for their category of eligibility:

- (i) if the applicant is an individual, two professional references for the applicant; or
- (ii) if the applicant is an organisation, two professional references for the chief executive officer of the organisation; and
- (iii) if the applicant is an organisation, a resume from the person who is the nominated representative for membership purposes; and
- (iv) if the applicant is an organisation, a copy of business registration in the organisation's country of domicile.

4.3 Licensed Advisers may not hold Associate Membership while they hold a current License issued by the IAA.

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

4.5 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 be considered for 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) The Board determines in its absolute discretion that the Member 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 the Annual General Meeting or 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 three 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 may be granted Life Membership where:
 - (a) The Board determines in its absolute discretion that the individual has made an exceptional contribution to the NZAMI; and
 - (b) The individual is nominated by the Board and the nomination is approved by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.
- 6.2 Benefits: Life Members are entitled to all benefits of membership of NZAMI which are available to Full Members.
- 6.3 A Life Member once appointed shall remain a Life Member without the need to reapply for membership. The annual membership fee is waived for every year of membership.

APPROVED by the Board this 27th day of July 2010

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Secretary