

New Membership Grade for the Institute of Quarrying

Technical Member

Background

An initiative from the IQ UK was circulated to the international councils last year for their consideration of a new membership grade for the Institute. It was discussed in detail at the International Presidents' meeting held in Dunedin at last year's conference and was agreed by all present that this new grade would benefit the industry and the Institute.

The International Presidents then returned to their respective councils to implement the new membership grade.

This is to inform you that the Executive Council of the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand (Inc.) recommends the addition of the Technical Member to the corporate grade of membership.

As per the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand (Inc.) rules, we can only make a change to our rules at an AGM and this is to inform all our members that a vote will take place at the 2014 AGM, to be held in Whangarei (Wed. 16th July).

Technical Membership of the Institute of Quarrying

The new grade of Technical Member would bridge the gap between the current grades of Associate and Member, providing opportunities for individuals with essential industry technical skills to benefit from Institute membership, and enhancing the image of the industry as a career choice.

Scope of Technical Membership

There are two groups for whom Technical Membership will become available:

1. Employees in the industry with specific technical skills that are essential to the operation of the extractive, mineral processing and associated manufacturing industries
2. Contractors who provide essential primary support to the extractive, mineral processing and associated manufacturing industries in technical functions

Proposed Membership Criteria

The grade of Technical Member will require the applicant to:

- a. Be employed in the industry, or employed as a contractor working in the industry
- b. Possess a qualifying qualification, or combination of qualifications, relevant to their employment.
- c. Have completed a period of training and have experience in the industry, of which not less than one year in a technical position.

The qualifying qualification must differentiate between Technical Members and Full Members.

It is proposed to add the following to the Rules of Institute of Quarrying New Zealand Incorporated, Section 15. These are shown in ***Bold italics***

Section d)

- i) A corporate member who has been elected into the class of Honorary Fellows may describe himself as "Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand" and may use the designatory letters "Hon.FIQ".

- ii) A corporate member who has been elected into the class of Fellows may describe himself as “a Fellow of the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand” and may use the designatory letters “FIQ”.
- iii) A corporate member who has been elected into the class of full member may describe himself as “a Member of the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand” and may use the designatory letters “MIQ”.
- iv) ***A corporate member who has been elected into the class of technical member may describe himself as “a Technical Member of the Institute of Quarrying New Zealand” and may use the designatory letters “TMIQ”.***
- v) Where any person who under the provisions of this clause, is entitled to use as his description or as part thereof the words “Member of the Institute of Quarrying”, acts jointly or in partnership with the Institute or any other person who is not so entitled, the said description shall not be used to describe the firm or partnership, and no designatory letters or any words tending to associate the firm or partnership shall be used as part of the name thereof.

Then the following addition;

h)

i) The New Zealand council may elect as a Technical Member any candidate who:

- i.1) is engaged in the industry and has made application in writing to the New Zealand council,***
- i.2) has been nominated by two Fellows, two Members two Technical Members or a combination thereof,***
- i.3) has completed a period of training and have experience in the industry, of which not less than one year in a technical position,***
- i.4) is engaged in the industry and has passed an appropriate National Diploma, or its equivalent or possesses an exempting qualification,***
- i.5) has produced written evidence of his qualifications and experience in the industry.***

This would mean that the current section h) (Associate Member) would become i).

In turn the current section i) would become j) and read as follows:

For the purpose of rules 15(f), (g), (i) and (j) hereof the expressions “senior managerial charge”, “responsible charge”, “engaged in the industry”, “exempting qualifications”, “quarrying” and experience in the industry” shall have such meanings as may from time to time be determined by the New Zealand Council at its absolute discretion.