

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS, Inc.

## EXTRACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

### OBJECT.

2. The object of this Institute shall be to further the development of technical forestry and the interests of the profession of forestry in the Dominion of New Zealand.

### MEMBERSHIP.

3. The membership of the Institute shall be divided into four classes, viz: Honorary members, Members, Associate members and Student members.

4. Honorary members, Members, Associate members and Student members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Institute, to take part in the proceedings thereof and to receive a copy of any reports and journals issued by the Institute, but only Members who are financial shall have the full rights of voting and holding office. Associate members may not hold office but shall have the right (if financial) of voting on all questions except Amendment of the Constitution.

5. Charter or Inaugural members shall *ipso facto* rank as Members.

### HONORARY MEMBERS.

6. Honorary members shall be persons prominently connected with the forestry profession who shall be recommended by the Council and elected by a majority vote of the Members and Associate Members at an annual meeting of the Institute. Honorary members shall not exceed twenty in number, and after the first annual meeting, whereat ten Honorary members may be elected, not more than four Honorary members shall be elected in any one year.

### MEMBERS.

7. Applicants for election or transfer into the class of Members shall be actually engaged for their whole time, at the time of their application for election or transfer, in some branch of the profession of forestry in New Zealand, and shall be:

- (a) Graduates of a school or college of forestry of standing recognised by the Council, who shall have been engaged in the practice or teaching of or research in some branch of forestry, for at least three years since graduation; or
- (b) Men who, though not graduates of a school or college of forestry as aforesaid, shall possess a University degree and shall have been engaged in the teaching of or research in some branch of forestry for at least five years since graduation; or
- (c) Men who, though not graduates of a school or college of forestry as aforesaid, shall have been engaged in the practice or teaching of or research in some branch of forestry for at least five years, during two of which the candidate shall have been an Associate member of the Institute and who shall have submitted to the Council in the form of a report on forestry work performed, or a thesis, or an article upon any aspect of forestry which has been published in any scientific journal, evidence of sufficient technical knowledge to warrant his recognition as a forest technician.

Associate members although not resident in New Zealand at the time of application for membership, who are graduates of a New Zealand school or college of forestry of standing recognised by the Council, or who, while not graduates of a school or college of forestry, possess a

New Zealand University degree shall be eligible to apply for transfer into the class of Members under this clause provided they are actually engaged for their whole time, at the time of their application for transfer, in some branch of the profession of forestry in any country of the British Empire.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

8. Applicants for election or transfer into the class of Associate members shall be actually engaged for their whole time, at the time of their application for election or transfer, in some branch of the profession of forestry in New Zealand and shall be :

- (a) Graduates of a school or college of forestry of standing recognised by the Council ; or
- (b) Men who, while not graduates of a school or college of forestry as aforesaid shall have satisfied the Council
  - (i) That they have had a sufficient forestry training ;
  - (ii) That they have been engaged in the practice or teaching of or research in some branch of forestry for at least five years ;
  - (iii) That at the time of making application they occupy the status of an executive forester of some responsibility (and not that of a labourer, leading hand or other subordinate operative) ; and that in such capacity they have *bona fide* been actively engaged in the planning and organisation of forest works (or teaching or research) ; and
  - (iv) That they have had control for a considerable period of a substantial area of forest and/or of a forest nursery of a substantial annual output and/or of a considerable number of forest operatives, the Council in every case to adjudge the scope and standard of candidates' work.

#### STUDENT MEMBERS.

9. Applicants for election into the class of Student members shall be resident in New Zealand, shall have passed the matriculation examination of the University of New Zealand or an equivalent examination, shall have the *bona fide* object or intention of becoming trained forest technicians, and shall be :

- (a) Students in attendance at a New Zealand school or college of forestry of standing recognised by the Council who shall have been in attendance at such school or college for at least one year, or
- (b) Those who are engaged for their whole time at the time of their application in some branch of forest works, who have been engaged in such works for at least one year, and who satisfy the Council that they have received or are receiving a sufficient training in the fundamentals of forestry work, or
- (c) Trainees in forestry attending the University of New Zealand on a part-time basis, or
- (d) Students attending the University of New Zealand full time with the *bona fide* intention of taking up a career in forestry.

Candidates under Sections (b), (c) and (d) may be required to pass or have passed a qualifying examination in elementary forestry. When the Council considers this step is necessary they will proceed as specified in Clause 10 below. Candidates under Section (c) may be permitted to sit the examination at the end of the first long vacation. Candidates under Section (d) may be permitted to sit the examination at the end of the second long vacation except in the case of returned servicemen who may sit after the first long vacation.

Student members may, provided that they are engaged for their whole time on some branch of forestry work, research or study, continue as Student members for five years, but no longer.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

10. Candidates for membership must be proposed by a Member and seconded by a Member. The name shall be submitted by the Member proposing the candidate for membership to the Secretary, together with an account, in a form approved by the Council, of the training, character and work of such candidate. Where a report, thesis or article is required, it shall be submitted to the Secretary, along with the proposal for membership, and shall be circulated to members of a committee of three appointed annually by the Council for this specific purpose, and the members of the said Committee shall notify to the Secretary their recommendations regarding the report, thesis or article.

Where an examination is required for student membership the said committee shall set a paper (of not more than two hours duration), shall arrange for supervision of the examination, and shall be responsible for marking the papers. They will notify to the Secretary their recommendations regarding the candidate's eligibility for student membership.

The Secretary shall forward a copy of nominations to all members of the Council with, where necessary, the recommendations of the committee regarding the report, thesis, article or examination paper, and if the name is approved by a majority of the Council at a letter ballot, the candidate shall be declared a member of the Institute in the grade designated.

An Admission Board comprised of the Council at the time in office and the Council next preceding in office shall be deemed to be the Council for the purposes of this Article and of Articles 7, 8 and 9; and the duties of the President and Vice-President and the Secretary at the time in office shall be the same in respect of the Board as in respect of the Council.