



Membership application form

1. Objectives of the society

1. To further the practice, professionalism and recognition of occupational hygiene in New Zealand.
2. To create and maintain a network for the transfer of information, professional contacts and support.
3. To monitor and influence the development of occupational health and safety legislation, standards and codes of practice.
4. To aid the practice and understanding of occupational hygiene as a subject, through such avenues as workshops, conferences and the media.

2. Code of ethics

On becoming a member of NZOHS, 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 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 committee.

NZOHS Code of ethics

1. Professional responsibility

Occupational hygienists are responsible for exercising their profession in an honest and competent manner in accordance with the recognised principles of Occupational Hygiene, which acknowledge that the life, health and well-being of individuals depend on their professional judgement. They avoid circumstances which might compromise their professional judgement or give rise to conflicts of interest, so that they can guarantee the integrity of their profession. They conduct their work in accordance with agreed standards of quality assurance.

2. Responsibility for themselves and others

Occupational hygienists must maintain a high degree of integrity and competence, use appropriate scientific methods and interpret their results with good faith in a neutral manner. They must share scientific knowledge for the well-being of workers, society and the profession, protect confidential information and only deal with subjects within their own sphere of competence. They apply a systematic approach based on a sound analysis of hazard, risk and risk management methods.

3. Responsibility towards employees and other workers

Occupational hygienists must acknowledge that their first duty is to protect the health and well-being of employees and workers. They take an objective approach to the assessment, identification, evaluation and control of risks to health, without subjecting themselves to external influences, in recognising that the health and well-being of employees and other persons depend on their competence and professional judgement. They aim to provide the same standard of care, in an even-handed manner, to all the employees for whom they are responsible.

4. Responsibility towards employers and clients

Occupational hygienists must provide advice to employers and clients in an honest, responsible and competent manner. They must respect confidentiality and properly discharge their responsibilities to employers and clients. However, these responsibilities are subordinate to their ultimate responsibility, which is to protect the lives and well-being of employees. They advise employers and clients on current standards, directives and all other legal requirements in the area of occupational hygiene. They report their results and make their recommendations in a true and honest manner and make sure that their professional judgement is applied only within their own sphere of competence and expertise. They manage and administer their professional services to ensure a high standard of sound and reliable reporting, which records and explains the results obtained and the conclusions drawn from them.

5. Responsibilities towards the public and the environment

Occupational hygienists must take into account the eventual impact of the decisions and actions they take on the public and the environment. They give honest, effective and pragmatic advice to all parties concerned with risks to health and the means of protection. They apply the principles of occupational hygiene in a responsible manner to contribute to the creation and maintenance of a good environment for everyone.

6. Responsibilities towards the community and conflicts of interest

Occupational hygienists must operate on the principle that in dealing with risks that impinge on both the working and the wider community, employers, clients, employees and the public will have common interests. However, if conflicts of interest do appear, they must be resolved in a manner which does least damage to workers, the environment and the community.

3. Membership grades and fees

There are three grades of membership.

1. **Student member** – Those studying in occupational hygiene or a related field who are working less than 50% in occupational hygiene. Proof of current enrolment is required. Annual fee is \$40.

2. **Associate member** – A candidate for admission as associate member of the society shall be required
 - a) at the time application is made to be working in the field of occupational hygiene or in a closely allied field of scientific endeavour; or
 - b) to demonstrate their activities and/or interests are consistent with some or all of the objectives of the society.Associate members may not hold any office of the society. Annual fee is \$60.

3. **Full member** – A candidate for admission as full member of the society shall be required
 - a) to have a degree or diploma in Science or Engineering acceptable to the Council, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Council, and
 - b) at the time application for membership is made to be working in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its related branches, and
 - c) to have worked for more than five years in a professional capacity in the field of occupational hygiene or one of its related branches, and
 - d) to demonstrate to the Council, if required, a satisfactory level of professional competence.Full members may hold office of the society. Annual fee is \$60.



General membership application form

Name	
Company	
Postal Address (where NZOHS correspondence will be sent)	
Physical Address	
Phone	
Mobile	
Email	
Permission to add to NZOHS membership website	YES/NO
Membership grade you are applying for (delete as appropriate)	Student Associate Full

Student membership applications

Are you working less than 50% in occupational hygiene	YES/NO
Have you attached proof of enrolment	YES/NO

Associate membership applications

Please attach 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 and/or interests are consistent with some or all of the objectives of the society.

Full membership applications

Please attach the following documents:

1. A photocopy of your academic records.
2. A letter from one referee, who shall testify to your professional competence, duties, responsibilities, work performance and length of experience.
3. Two reports of occupational hygiene assessments, surveys, papers or lectures which illustrate the type and professional level of hygiene work that you do. At least one report shall be less than one year old. Professional level indicates a high level of occupational hygiene (or a related branch) advice or assessment ideally covering anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control aspects. All information will be confidential and retained by NZOHS. Anonymised reports are acceptable.
4. Confirmation of membership of other professional organisations in, or related to occupational hygiene.
5. A current CV.

Please return the forms to:

NZOHS

PO Box 12-364

Penrose 1642

Auckland