NORTH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF
MINING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

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REGULATION

Criteria for Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience Required for Admission

Approved by: COUNCIL **Date: October 2025**

1. Objective and Aims

To provide Criteria for Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience Required for Admission of membership of the Institute.

2. Byelaws

Membership is covered by Byelaws 1-6 (Appendix A).

3. Membership Applications

Applications for membership shall be processes by the Membership Committee according to the Regulations.

4. Membership Fees

Membership fees will be set by the Council and reviewed annually. A schedule of fees will be published in advance of the Year in which new fees commence giving no less than four weeks notice prior to the new fees coming into effect.

5. Criteria for Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience Required for Admission

To be admitted to the Institute as a Fellow, Member or Associate an applicant shall either:

(i) Hold a Degree or HND *or other suitable qualification* in a subject aligned with the Objects of the Institute, OR

(ii) Have appropriate experience relevant to the category of membership applied for.

(iii) The support of two current Members of the Institute, indicated by way of their signature. If no signatures are presented then they can be proposed by Council.

If an applicant does not meet the requirements for membership of the category they have applied for then the Institute shall write to the applicant stating the reasons why they do not meet the requirements and either suggest an appropriate membership level for the applicant AND/OR provide advice regarding actions that they could take to meet the requirements. The rejected applicant shall be advised that they have a right of appeal.

Applicants may upgrade their grade of Membership by submitting a statement outlining their experience post qualification.

Once elected Membership details will be held electronically and in hard copy. The Institute will appoint a Data Protection Officer and meet all legal requirements for the processing of personal information. The database will include details of the professional qualifications held by Members providing a sub-set of professionally qualified Members.

5.1 Fellow (FNEIMME)
Fellowship is open to any suitably educated and/or experienced person who in the opinion of the Council has made a significant and demonstrable contribution related to the Aims and Objects of the Institute. Examples of this may include:

I. Chartered status (e.g. CEng, CGeol, CSci etc.),
II. Holding a position of senior responsibility,
III. Significant contribution to education and training,
IV. Significant published scholarly work in line with the Objects of the Institute,

5.2 Member (MNEIMME)
Membership is open to any person suitably educated and/or trained in an area related to the Objects of the Institute and who in the opinion of the Council are engaged in pursuits which will lead to qualification as a Fellow. Examples of this may include:

I. Those who hold a full Master's degree, its equivalent, or above,
II. Those with two years working experience in a role related to the Aims and Objects of the Institute,
III. Those who teach or lecture on a subject in line with the Objects of the Institute,
IV. Those who have published scholarly work in line with the Objects of the Institute,

5.3 Associate
Associate membership is open to any person suitably educated and/or trained in an area related to the Objects of the Institute and who in the opinion of the Council are not engaged in pursuits which will lead to qualification as a Fellow or not yet experienced enough to qualify as a Member. Examples of this may include:

I. Those just graduated with a first degree (BSc, MSci, ect.) or just qualified (e.g.an HND) but with no further experience,
II. Those who are employed in a technical or pastoral capacity in a role related to the Aims and Objects of the Institute,
III. Those involved in a practical or research capacity in industrial heritage or archaeology,

5.4 Student
Student membership is open to any person over the age of 18, who do not qualify for a higher grade of membership, and are in full or part-time education or apprenticeship in a subject area related to the Objects of the Institute, including those completing apprenticeships. Examples of this may include those who are undertaking courses of study to qualify to become Associates.

5.5 Affiliate
Affiliate membership shall be open to those interested in the work of the Institute but who have no intention of qualifying for its membership. Examples of this may include those who do not meet the requirements of a higher category of membership but are engaged or interested in any of the Aims or Objects of the Institute.

5.6 Honorary Fellows
This category shall comprise of persons who in the opinion of the council have distinguished themselves by their contribution to the advancement of the Aims and Objects of the Institute, or, who have distinguished themselves through service to the Institute. Council nominations for the award of Honorary Fellow must be voted on at a General Meeting. Honorary Fellows shall have all the rights of members.

APPENDIX A - BYELAWS As Amended 9th of July 2025

MEMBERSHIP

1. The Institute is a membership society with the following categories of membership:
Voting members shall be those members admitted to the following three categories, being members in good standing, who shall be entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings because of their relevant qualifications and professional experience. They may also attend professional and other meetings and receive such Institute publications as may be provided for members. They shall comprise:

(i) Fellows (with the post-nominals FNEIMME). Members may apply for transfer to Fellowship on the basis of relevant experience and qualifications.
(ii) Honorary Fellows (Hon FNEIMME)
(iii) Members (MNEIMME)

2. Non-voting members shall be those who do not meet the requirements for Voting membership but wish to join the Institute. They shall be those in good standing who meet the entry requirements as published in the Regulations and who may attend and speak at General Meetings but shall not vote on any matters that come before the General Meetings. These members may also attend relevant professional meetings and receive such Institute publications as may be provided for members.

(i) Associates (who shall be appropriately qualified but awaiting the necessary employment experience before election as Members).
(ii) Students (who shall be studying for appropriate qualifications to allow them to be elected as Associates or Members).
(iii) Affiliates (who shall be interested in the work of the Institute but shall not intend to obtain Associateship/Membership qualifications).

3. The criteria for the qualifications, knowledge and experience required for admission to the Institute and the assessment procedures therefor, shall be as determined from time to time by the Council and shall be published in the Regulations:

(i) Voting members (who shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings) shall be Fellows, Honorary Fellows, and Members who shall be entered, by reason of their qualifications and experience, on the Register of Professional Members of one or more of the subject disciplines referred to in the Objects.
(ii) Persons of distinction with relevant qualifications who have contributed to the Institute or to its aims shall be eligible for election as Honorary Fellows at an appropriate General Meeting on the nomination of the Council. Honorary Fellows shall have all the rights of members.
(iii) Non-Voting members shall be Associates (who shall have satisfied the academic requirements for Membership but shall be awaiting the required experience for election to Membership), Affiliates (who shall be those interested in the work of the Institute but who have no intention of qualifying for its Membership), and Students (who shall be those undertaking courses of study to qualify to become Voting members).

4. Every application for membership shall be in such form as shall be required by the Council.

5. Resignation of membership shall be signified in writing, but the person so resigning shall be liable for payment of the annual subscription for the year in which the member resigns, together with any arrears to the date of such resignation. However, the Council may expel a member for conduct unbecoming subject to appropriate rules of procedure contained in the Regulations including discussing the issue with the person concerned and deciding the course of action to be taken. If the person is expelled as a result of this consideration that person may seek leave to appeal such expulsion if the Council so agrees.

6. The Council from time to time shall determine the annual subscription to be paid by each category of membership, and any other payments that may be required from members, all of which shall be paid within three months of the date due. The subscriptions for any subscription year shall become due on such dates as Council shall determine. Non-payment of subscription or death shall terminate membership.