

GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Institute of Geoscientists Papua New Guinea (IGPNG) is a not-for-profit professional association which represents geoscientists in fields including regional geology, geophysics, geochemistry, information geoscience, metalliferous mining, coal and petroleum exploration, development and production, industrial minerals, environmental geoscience, hydrogeology, geotechnical engineering/geology and other specialist geoscience areas.



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Members are employed in all sectors of industry, research, education and government throughout Papua New Guinea and overseas.

The IGPNG aims to advance the skills, status and public perception of geoscientists and geoscience in the country. The broad base of the IGPNG encourages transfer of technical expertise and awareness of both professional development and employment opportunities both within and outside traditional, resource-based geoscientific activities.

General Information

The objectives for which the IGPNG was established are to:

- Promote interaction between geoscientists
- Promote professional development of geoscientists
- Promote community respect for geoscience and geoscientists
- Represent geoscientists

Benefits of IGPNG Membership

The benefits of IGPNG membership include:

- Membership of a dynamic institute focused exclusively on the professional interests of members.
- Eligibility to sign mineral resource statements and reports issued for public information under the JORC and NI43-101 codes (until PNG has its own code), with appropriate relevant experience required of the Competent Person.
- Optional registration as a Registered Professional Geoscientist (RPGeo) which provides a verifiable, personal commitment to ongoing professional development.
- Discounted registration fees for IGPNG seminars and conferences.
- IGPNG News, distributed to all members quarterly.
- Full access to IGPNG's online information services providing up to date news and information of interest to professional geoscientists across Papua New Guinea (www.igpng.org).

IGPNG members contribute to:

- Representation of geoscientists at a national and state level in professional matters within industry, the broader scientific community and government.
- Monitor, maintain and strive to continuously improve the professional standards and ethics of geoscientists.
- Support for geoscience education.
- Promotion of the role and standing of geoscientists within the community.

Membership Grades

Members of the Institute may be (a) Fellows, (b) Members, (c) Graduates, (d) Associates, (e) Students or (f) Retired Members, being persons who have been transferred or elected to these respective grades. An additional voluntary grade of Registered Professional Geoscientist (RPGeo) is also available. More details on www.igpng.org/Membership.

Fellow

To be eligible for election as, or transfer to a Fellow (FIGPNG), an applicant must be a geoscientist with not less than fifteen years experience in their Field(s) of Practice who has in the opinion of the Council, achieved prominence in such field. A supporting statement must accompany this form and applicants are advised to refer to the Fellow Guidelines in preparing this statement.

Member

To be eligible for election as a Member (MIGPNG), an applicant shall be a geoscientist having not less than five years experience in their Field(s) of Practice, such experience having been of a responsible nature and involving the exercise of independent judgement* during at least three of those years. An applicant having worked towards completion of a post graduate qualification recognised by the Council may count up to two years of post-graduate training towards the requirement of five years of experience necessary to be eligible for membership as a Member. A Member shall also possess at least a Bachelor's level degree, or equivalent qualification, recognised by the Council demonstrating competence in their Field(s) of Practice. Members and Fellows (with the appropriate relevant experience required of the "Competent Person") are entitled to sign resource statements and reports issued for public information under the JORC and NI43-101 codes.

Graduate

To be eligible for election as a Graduate, an applicant must possess at least a Bachelor's level degree, or equivalent qualification, recognised by the Council demonstrating competence in their Field(s) of Practice.

Associate

To be eligible for election as an Associate, an applicant should be a person or organisation (e.g. a non-commercial organisation such as a school) who does not hold formal qualifications in geoscience but displays appropriate interest in the objectives of the Institute. A statement supporting the applicant's interest in geoscience should accompany this application.

Student

To be eligible for election as a Student, an applicant will not as yet have achieved the educational qualifications to apply for membership as a Graduate and will be enrolled in undergraduate or honours degree studies majoring in a geoscience field at a recognised tertiary institution. A post-graduate student studying toward their first geoscience degree having completed a non-geoscience undergraduate or honours degree is also eligible for Student membership. A member of staff of the tertiary institution must verify the student's current enrolment in Section 3 of the Student Application Form.

Retired

To be eligible for transfer to Retired membership, an applicant will have been a Member or Fellow continuously for at least ten years and have retired from active employment.

Documentation Required

Academic Qualifications

Copies of degree(s), certificate(s), academic transcripts, or certified statements from institutions of academic qualifications **MUST** accompany each application. Qualifications must be in a geoscience-related field except in the case of Associates. Where geology or geoscience is not specified in the award, an academic transcript detailing subjects studied should also be provided. For existing members upgrading to a higher grade of membership (e.g. Graduate to Member or Member to Fellow), qualifications do not need to be included as they will on file from the original application.

Proposers and Seconders

Applications for Graduate, Member and Fellow **MUST** be endorsed by proposers and seconders who are current AIG Members or Fellows. If you do not know any IGPNG Members or Fellows to act as proposer or seconder, please contact the IGPNG office for assistance at admin@igpng.org.

Relevant Employment and Experience

Applicants for admission as a Fellow, Member, Graduate or Associate, or for transfer of membership from Graduate to Member or Member to Fellow **MUST** submit a curriculum vitae or résumé documenting their employment history, publications and education details. Each entry in Section 4 of the Application Form must be verified by a proposer and seconder. They must have first hand knowledge of this experience and cannot rely on hearsay.

Payment

Payment of a non-refundable administration fee **MUST** accompany this application for membership. (See application form for details.) Membership dues will be charged upon successful endorsement of an applicant. Transfers will be invoiced at the end of the financial year. 10% GST will apply to all Papua New Guinea residents.

Professional Registration

Existing Members and Fellows may apply for election as a Registered Professional Geoscientist (RPGeo). Applications for RPGeo will be processed by the Registration Board of the IGPNG. A non-refundable application fee applies for all RPGeo applications. (See application form for details.) To receive an RPGeo application kit, please tick the box in Section 1 of the Application Form or download it from the IGPNG website.

*** Discretion and independent judgement**

In general, the exercise of discretion and independent judgement involves the comparison and the evaluation of possible courses of conduct, and acting or making a decision after the various possibilities have been considered. The exercise of discretion and independent judgement must be more than the use of skill in applying well-established techniques, procedures or specific standards described in manuals or other sources.

The exercise of discretion and independent judgement implies that one has authority to make an independent choice, free from immediate direction or supervision. However, discretion and independent judgement can be exercised even if the decision or recommendation is reviewed at a higher level. Thus, the term "discretion and independent judgement" does not require that the decisions being made have to be final or free from review. The fact that one's decisions may be subject to review and that upon occasion the decisions are revised or reversed after review does not mean that one is not exercising discretion and independent judgement.