

New Membership Regime: Transitional Procedures

On 1 July 2011 the Acoustical Society will adopt a new membership regime. To ensure this is done smoothly and with clarity for all members, the proposed Transition Procedures are outlined below:

Membership Status

- If the Membership proposal is accepted by members, a *commencement date* for the new membership regime will be set. This calendar date will then be the new *anniversary date* for all members in subsequent years.
- At the *commencement date*, all existing NZAS members will become 'Affiliates' until such time as their application for Membership is submitted and accepted by the Society, with the following exceptions:
 - Life members, Honorary members and Fellows in the current membership regime will automatically become Fellows in the new regime. These members will be notified by the Council directly.

Membership Subscriptions

- The proposed membership subscriptions are as follows:

Member	\$75 NZD p.a.
Affiliate	\$50 NZD p.a.
Sustaining Member	\$125 NZD p.a.
Fellow	Complimentary
Sponsor	By arrangement

Note there is a \$200 administration fee for Membership and Sustaining Membership applications. This is payable on the first application only, not on renewals.

- Membership subscriptions will be due during the month of the *commencement date*, and during the same month in subsequent years (e.g. if the *commencement date* is 1 March 2011, subscriptions are payable during the month of March 2012, 2013 etc.).
- The transitional procedures for subscriptions in the first year of the new regime will be as follows:
 - Existing members who apply for Membership will pay \$75 NZD for their first year as Member, and each subsequent year (notwithstanding the subscription amount being altered in accordance with Rule 8(i)).

If there is a period of time remaining on an applicant's current NZAS subscription at the time of application, the remaining amount can be determined on a pro rata

basis¹ and credited towards the first year's subscription upon the applicant's request.

Likewise, if a member's existing subscription runs out prior to the *commencement date*, an additional amount (calculated pro rata) will be added to their first year's subscription to 'bridge the gap'.

- Existing members who apply for Membership, whose current membership subscription is in arrears, will be required to pay the outstanding amount before their Membership application will be processed.

- Existing members who do not yet qualify, or choose not to apply for Membership will automatically become Affiliates, provided their current membership subscriptions are up to date.

The Affiliate subscription of \$50 NZD is the same as the old member subscription.

There will be a 6 month stand-down period from the *commencement date* (to allow sufficient time for intending Members to apply) after which time:

- Affiliates who had time remaining on their subscription at the *commencement date* will, upon the member's request, be offered a pro rata credit to bring their anniversary date in line with the *commencement date*
 - Affiliates with subscriptions in arrears will be contacted by the council and asked to pay the outstanding amount.
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- Any and all new applications for the status of Member, Sustaining Member or Affiliate (i.e. persons who are not currently NZAS members) will pay the full subscription amount, and have the common anniversary date, regardless of when they apply. (The council may grant exemptions to this on a case by case basis)

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¹ For example, In the case of a commencement date of 1 March 2011: For a member whose current anniversary is 23rd September, the credit amount would be \$28.36 (i.e. Number of days between 1/3/11 and 23/9/11 = 207 ; $207/365 * \$50 = \28.36).