NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR MIGRATION AND INVESTMENT REGULATION 2 - APPLICATIONS FOR AND CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

These Regulations replace Regulation 2 from the date of approval by the Board pursuant to Rule 17

1. Definitions

- 1.1 "Application Form", "Application Fee" and "Membership Fee" means that form and those fees as set by the Board in the Rules;
- 1.2 "Committee" means the Membership Committee of NZAMI.
- 1.3 "Exempt Adviser" and Licensed Adviser" have the means ascribed to them in Regulation 1.
- 1.4 "Member" has the meaning set out in the Rules.
- 1.5 "Rules", "Regulations" and "Code of Ethics" are deemed to be references to the Rules etc. of NZAMI;

2. New Applications

- 2.1 New applications for membership may be made in a manner and form set from time to time by the Secretary and/or the Committee and approved by the Board, including hard copy and online applications.
- 2.2 The Committee shall assess each application according to whether the applicant is eligible for the class of membership applied for, as set out in Regulation 1. The procedure for assessment of applicants shall be set by the Committee from time to time as it deems fit.
- 2.3 If an applicant is not eligible for the class of membership applied for but could be eligible for another class or classes of Membership, determined by the eligibility criteria defined in Regulation 1, the Committee shall write to the applicant to offer this alternative membership.
- 2.4 On receipt of a new application for membership the Secretary emails an Objections Notice to Members, with a brief summary about the applicant and invites objections to the application from Members.
- 2.5 Objections must be made in writing to NZAMI within 10 working days of the date on which the Objection Notice is emailed to Members ("the Objection Period"). Only current paid-up Members are entitled to object to an application for membership.

- 2.6 The applicant shall not be entitled to know the nature of any objection or the identity of an objector. Objections shall remain confidential to the Board, the Membership Committee and the Secretary.
- 2.7 If an Objection is received within the Objection Period, the Secretary must inform the applicant in writing that an Objection has been received and cite the provisions of the Rules and Regulations relating to the Objection.
- 2.8 At the close of the Objection Period the Secretary informs the Committee of any Objections received about an applicant. The Committee must make a decision whether or not to approve membership within 10 working days of notification by the Secretary. The Committee may at its discretion refer the matter to the Board for determination.
- 2.9 Any decision whether or not to approve membership made by the Committee or the Board, as the case may be, is final.
- 2.10 The Secretary notifies the applicant in writing of the decision whether to approve or decline the application.

3. Application to Change Class of Membership

- 3.1 The applicant must write a letter/email requesting the conversion to a different class of membership and provide evidence supporting his/her eligibility for that new class as defined in Regulation 1.
- 3.2 No Application Fee is required and no objection procedures apply.
- 3.3 The Secretary in consultation with the Committee may process the new class of membership provided it falls within the new class as defined by Regulation 1, and notify the applicant in writing of the decision. Whether or not an applicant is eligible for the new class of membership applied for shall be determined by the Committee.
- 3.4 If the applicant does not satisfy the prerequisites for the new class for which he/she has applied, the Secretary may notify the applicant if he/she qualifies for an alternative class of membership different to the current membership class, and invite the applicant to submit other evidence if required.
- 3.5 The Member's class of membership changes:
 - (a) If no additional Membership Fee is payable, when the Secretary notifies approval of the new class of membership; or
 - (b) If any additional Membership Fee is payable, when the Secretary receives payment of that fee for the balance of the membership year.
- 3.6 The above provisions shall not limit the power of NZAMI to reclassify a Member whose eligibility has changed pursuant to cl. 6 of Regulation 1.

4. Application for Reinstatement of Membership

- 4.1 The following applies to any former Member whose membership has lapsed or who has voluntarily resigned, but not to any Member whose Membership was terminated pursuant to cl. 16.2 of the Rules.
- 4.2 The applicant must write a letter/email requesting reinstatement of membership.
- 4.3 The Secretary may reinstate the membership provided the request comes within three months of the lapse of membership and that the requirements for membership have not changed.
- 4.4 If the request comes outside of the three month period, a new application must be made pursuant to this Regulation.
- 4.5 Any Member whose Membership was terminated pursuant to cl. 16.2(b) to (f) of the Rules may apply in writing for reinstatement of membership at any time. Such an application must be referred to the Board for assessment and requires a two-thirds majority resolution of the Board to approve reinstatement.

APPROVED by the Board this 14 day of June 2011

Secretary

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