



New Zealand  
**Anaesthetic Technicians'**  
**Society**

## MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

The NZATS executive team are responsible for setting the Membership requirements.

### Membership Directives

It is recommended that all qualified Anaesthetic Technicians be members of NZATS; all trainee Anaesthetic Technicians must be members of NZATS.

In doing so, their name will appear on the members list which is a public document.

At all times the Membership and training requirements will take into consideration the guidelines stated by the College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) PS8 document on Anaesthetic Assistance.

All persons requesting membership shall observe the Medical Sciences Council Standards of Practise.

The Membership shall run from 1st June till the 31st May annually.

The NZATS executive team will determine whether to approve or decline an application for membership. In no case shall the NZATS executive team be required to give reasons for their decision except to the person applying for registration.

No person shall be accepted as a member who has at any time been convicted in a court of law of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of 3 months or more

No person shall be accepted to the Membership who has been removed from the register of MSC NZ, UK HPCA or other similar bodies.

Any person applying for membership or has a current membership who obtains the membership by fraudulent means shall immediately be removed from the membership.

Fraudulent means shall cover any making or producing of any false or fraudulent representation or declaration either orally or in writing.

No persons shall claim in any way to be a member that has not submitted and had accepted an application of membership to the NZATS.

No membership details are transferable to any other person and must be solely used by the person to whom it was first issued.

If the qualification and experience are judged by the NZATS executive team to be equivalent to the New Zealand qualifications, such persons will be admitted to the Members list.

The member will be removed from the current on line database if they have not renewed their membership within 3 months of the date for renewal.

Failure to renew the membership within the time set will require a new application for membership.

If a member should leave the profession for a period of more than 12 months then a new application for membership must be completed upon return to the profession.

Written notice of the renewal date shall be sent to the last known e-mail address as listed on the last membership form received the date of which shall be recorded in the members list.

Any member who wishes to have his or her name removed from the members list may request this in writing at any time. Proof of identification and the return of their current members' card must accompany any such request. Confirmation of this request will be sent back to the member when this has been actioned.

Failure to pay the appropriate fee with the membership application will make the application null and void.

The NZATS Secretary shall record an individual membership number for each person listed in the members list and database.

### **Standards of Care**

All NZATS members and Registered Anaesthetic Technicians delivering specialised Anaesthetic clinical care within their health care facilities, must adhere to NZATS Standards as documented on the NZATS website.

## The Members list

The Members list shall contain the following information:

- Name of the person who is a member
- Home postal address
- Date next membership fee is payable
- Membership type

Every member shall advise the Secretary within one month of any change to his or her address. Any person who fails to do this will be removed from the Members list if no reply is received within 3 months of sending of a renewal e-mail or if the e-mail is returned to the Secretary as not delivered.

If the NZATS executive team has reason to believe a member has passed away they may instruct the Secretary to remove the entry from the members list.

The Members list which contains names only, shall be a public document and as such shall be open to inspection by any person who wishes.

## Membership Types

There are three types of membership granted:

- Trainee Membership
- Qualified Membership
- Associate Membership

### Trainee Membership

Designed to accommodate all Anaesthetic Technicians currently undertaking the practical requirements of training for the qualification as an Anaesthetic Technician in accordance with the Training Regulations of the NZATS.

The requirements for this membership are:

- Employment in an MSC accredited Training Hospital
- Employment as a Trainee Anaesthetic Technician
- Appropriate completion of the theoretical components required by the NZATS for Trainee Anaesthetic Technicians
- Appropriate completion of the workbook documentation required by the NZATS for Trainee Anaesthetic Technicians
- Appropriate completion of up to 5928 hours of practical experience.

### Qualified Membership

Designed for Anaesthetic Technicians who have completed the approved training, the requirements for this membership is anyone who is registered with Medical Science Council as an Anaesthetic Technician and has an APC.

### Associate Membership

Any person who has an interest in Anaesthetic Technician profession shall be eligible for this membership.

For ODA / ODP qualified overseas members they must be currently registered with HPC UK.

An Associate member shall not be eligible to hold a position within the Executive board or be on any advisory group / board associated with the profession. Associate members are not eligible to make nominations or vote at the NZATS Annual General Meeting

### **Procedure for Membership**

Every person, who holds one of the qualifications listed as eligible by the NZATS executive team and has paid the appropriate membership fee, shall be eligible to apply for Membership

Applications for membership must be submitted with the appropriate form available on the NZATS website

If the application does not fall within the membership criteria listed the NZATS executive team shall consider the application at the first meeting held after the application is received.

Before giving any decision the NZATS executive team may request an appearance of the person before the NZATS executive team to answer any questions decided on by the NZATS. The NZATS executive team may also require evidence of personal character or evidence of any qualifications or other documents as it sees fit.

If the NZATS executive team decides the application is acceptable the NZATS Secretary shall register the applicant and notify the applicant accordingly.

If the NZATS executive team decides the application is unacceptable the NZATS Secretary shall refuse the membership of the applicant and notify the applicant accordingly.

Notification of the final result to the applicant shall take place no more than 3 weeks after the decision is made.