

IRHACE has membership categories and criteria in their application for membership. The Council will use those criteria and relevant current policies adopted by it to consider all applications and to help them decide which applicant or applicants to approve.

The Council shall make the decision on whether or not to admit an applicant as a member and will let the applicant know its decision (but shall not be required to provide reasons).

There are four categories of membership:

1. Member by Qualification (M.IRHACE)
2. Member by Experience (M.IRHACE)
3. Associate Member
4. Affiliate Member

The IRHACE Council may also re-categorise or regrade a M.IRHACE into the following categories:

- FELLOW MEMBER, F.IRHACE
- RETIRED MEMBER, RM.IRHACE or RF.IRHACE
- LIFE MEMBER, LM.IRHACE

Members (M.IRHACE, F.IRHACE, RM.IRHACE, RF.IRHACE, LM.IRHACE) may use post nominal letters after their name.

The IRHACE logo **is not** to be used by any member or organisation.

M.IRHACE - Member by Qualification

A Member must be qualified, having attained one or more of:

- National Certificate in RAC and HVAC level 4
- National Certificate in RAC and HVAC (advanced trade certificate) level 5
- Trade Certificate Refrigeration level 4 Apprenticeship
- Trade Certificate Heating & Ventilation level 4 Apprenticeship
- MIT Diploma HVAC and RAC (advanced trade certificate) level 5
- National Diploma of Engineering level 6 (and its replacement, the NZ Diploma of Engineering level 6) Mechanical or HVAC
- New Zealand Certificate of Engineering Mechanical or Heating ventilating and Air Conditioning
- University qualifications, such as a BSc, BEng & BTech, or NZQA levels 7 and 8 in appropriate disciplines
- Registered Engineer or REA Registered Engineering Associate
- Be a member of M.AIRAH or M.ASHRAE

M.IRHACE - Member by Experience

A Member by Experience must meet the following –

- Ten years in the HVAC&R industry, at least five of those in a position of recognised and demonstrate technical responsibility supported by records and references.
- Proof of technical competency from **two employer** verifiers to demonstrate equivalence to a Member by Qualification expected ability and competence.
- References shall be from **two M.IRHACE** members to ratify experience as to time, technical competence and achievement to demonstrate equivalence to a Member by Qualification expected ability and competence.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

An associate is a person not eligible for Member grade but has commenced training in refrigeration, heating, and air conditioning or has other qualifications applicable to engineering. To become an associate the person must have done one or more of:

- A split system installers course Level 3 with sufficient practical experience as noted in the qualification documents
- A Level 3 full-time course in RAC run by MIT or SIT (per trade)
- Any NZ Qualifications Framework Level 4 (or above)
- Hold a qualification that is not Refrigeration, Heating or Air Conditioning based, but is science based applicable to engineering

AFFILIATE MEMBER

An affiliate can be an individual, consultant, master franchisor/franchisor or person whose business activities influence or impact on our industry and who is supportive of that industry, but who would not otherwise qualify for membership as a Member or Associate.

These criteria shall be read in conjunction with the published current “Rules of the Society”.