

Information for Overseas Audiology/Audiometry Professionals

It is our great pleasure to receive your interest in our profession in New Zealand and membership of our national Association.

ANZAI (Association of New Zealand Audiology Inc.) is a professional body of audiometrists who practice within recommended national standards. Our code of ethics and standards of practice are available to all. We work to create a partnership between audiologists, manufacturers/suppliers, referrers, government and colleagues.

We aim to provide a high level of expertise within audiometrists nationally, building a quality service, which invests in the health of people. ANZAI supports members in their work and encourages all aspects of service including cultural awareness, networking and referring to other health providers.

Details of the levels and requirements of our membership are set out below.

Membership information

There are four levels of membership:

- Student Membership: For individuals who are currently studying in the Audiology industry (like the -Australian based- TAFE Certificate or Diploma or some other similar training scheme) and maybe working towards Full Membership. Details of the TAFE courses can be found on the following site www.sit.nsw.edu.au

ANZAI continues in our objective of gaining a New Zealand based training for students. This would make training more accessible and affordable. A time frame for this is currently not available.

- Provisional Membership: For individuals, who have completed their Certificate or Diploma in Audiometry and are working out their two years supervised practice post qualification, prior to sitting the full membership examination. Also for overseas Audiologists and Audiometrists who have an approved qualification, and are preparing to sit their full membership examination.
- Associate Membership: For individuals who have a direct interest in Audiometry, or who provide technical support to the Hearing Health Care Profession. Associate and Provisional membership can include Audiometrists, Technical members, ENT Nurses, Hearing Therapists, Manufacturers, Service technicians and others with an interest in the Audiology field.

Our Constitution states that Associate Members must complete TAFE-Oten Audiometry certificate IV, an Audiometry Diploma or a similar training course, and then work full-time under approved supervision from an Audiologist or Full ANZAI member for a further period of at least two years before sitting the exam to achieve full membership.

- **Full Membership:** For individuals actively involved with the testing of hearing, and supply and fitting of hearing aids. Full members are required to present their qualifications to the ANZAI council, have at least two years' work experience after finishing their qualifications and pass an initial entrance examination.

The ANZAI examination for Full Membership consists of a written paper*, which is conducted in the members own clinic/venue and in the presence of a supervisor. There are usually about ten questions of varying length and there is no time limit. Once this paper has been marked and a pass mark has been achieved, details of a case study are sent to the member for preparation and presentation to a panel of three people together with a further case study of the member's choice. We require information regarding medical history, assessment details and results, rehabilitation plan, details of hearing aid fitting, including manufacturer's specification data, insertion gain or speech mapping results, management suggests and ongoing care plan.

**Currently this type of examination is under review*

Ongoing education of all Audiometrists is of great interest. Our association has a program of continuing education, which monitors each member's participation to ensure that current technology and training is maintained. All full ANZAI members are requested to provide a log of their training sessions to quantify this practice.

ANZAI's council meets regularly in their efforts of working for the better of all.

Interested in becoming an ANZAI member?

Great! Please find the 'Membership Application Form' under downloads on our website, which also informs you about our annual Membership fees. Follow the instructions on the form and send by email to our Secretary at anzaisecretary@gmail.com

We have members from various nationalities throughout New Zealand. To assist you in your search for information about immigration or employment in our country, you might be referred to one of our other members who might be more familiar with your qualifications and requirements.

Thanks again for you interest and best wishes for your future.