



The New Zealand
Stone Masons Association Inc
2012

Information for Potential New Members

NZSMA Inc Established in 2012.

Thank you for your enquiry regarding membership to the New Zealand Stone Masons Association Inc.

The information that follows will act as a guide to potential new members.

- (a) To recognise stonemasonry in its own right as a stand alone trade and profession..
- (b) To work towards ensuring quality working practices by skilled masons.
- (c) To ensure all members are licensed under the New Zealand Department of Building and Housing.
- (d) To promote and provide members with the opportunities for training and learning and to enhance their masonry skills.
- (e) To fostering good working relationships with other masons and members also with other similar organisations by exchanging information, attending, participating and /or organising regional meetings and conferences.

What are the requirements to becoming a member?

To be eligible for full membership the applicant must be:

A stone mason

Have a minimum of three years experience of cutting, fixing and laying natural stone, obtained in the stone masonry trade. Plus a further two years of working in the trade providing proof of work carried out solely by the applicant.

(Potential members who do not have the two years of proof of their own work, may be associated members until time of giving proof for full membership.)

Have adequate proof of existing and current work to view if called upon

All claims of certificates, qualifications and information supplied by applicant be correct and made available to the committee.

All applicants to have a minimum of 75% of their involvement in the trade, to be in the cutting, fixing and laying of natural and traditional stone work.

How do you become a member?

Applications for membership shall be made to the Association in the first instance. If found to be in order

On receiving a copy of an application the Association shall have it considered at a special general meeting or by such other appropriate method of communication should an ordinary meeting not be scheduled within two calendar months of the application being received.

The decision of the Association recommending acceptance or rejection (including reasons) of the application, shall be advised in writing following the meeting or such appropriate method of communication.

All reasons for rejection or challenge either individually or collectively shall be submitted for full evaluation.

All approved new applicants will be admitted as a member for a probationary period of six months, but this may be waved if the Committee considers the applicant has sufficient proven experience. To confirm that work is being carried out in a tradesman like manner, inspections will be made by the Secretary and an impartial member of the Committee after approximately six months. Such inspection will include a visit to a current project to ensure standards are being maintained.

Subject to a satisfactory report following these inspections, the probationary period shall cease and the member be notified that he is now a full member.

Until this probationary period is served any new members to the association do not hold voting rights.

Complete the Application for Membership form at the back of this information pack and send it to the

NZSNA Office

What does it cost to become a member?

Currently an entrance fee of **\$250.00** shall be paid by every Candidate on lodging application for membership. Such entrance fee or part thereof, may at the discretion of the Committee, be refunded if the candidate is not elected to or shall withdraw the application for membership.

An annual subscription is paid to the Association which is set at the AGM/Conference.

Code of Ethics

These are the standards of trading, members of the Association are required to observe:

Each shall at all times conduct himself and engage in business dealings only in accordance with accepted custom and practice and in particular shall not canvas or make any approach whatever, to clients already in a written contract with a member of the Association

He shall be prepared to guarantee that his work is of a high standard

A member shall do all in his power to uphold and maintain the dignity of the trade.

His qualifications, advertising, design books, catalogues, photos and web sites shall be honest and not be misleading. and may be called upon to prove if required or challenged.

He shall endeavour to maintain fair prices to the public.

He shall at all times endeavour to foster friendly relations with and mutually assist other members in all matters concerning the interest of the trade.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Name of Company

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Name of Applicant :

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Location of Registered Office:

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Telephone No: Mobile

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email: web site.....

Postal Address:

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Proprietor(s) / Director(s)/Manager(s):

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Address of Retail Trading Outlet (If different from 3)

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Rules of the Association

Having read the rules of the Association, I undertake to abide by them and make this application in terms of:

6. Stone masonry trade experience –
Please state experience relation to this clause.

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7. Full details of qualifications (ie NZQA , BCITO, City & Guilds or any other.)

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8. Other trade Associations, Federations, Foundations, Societies or groups belonging to.

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9. Referees

The following person may be contacted in respect of my suitability for membership.
(Referees will be checked)

(Please include name, address and telephone number).

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9a. Trade accounts referees

The following companies may be contacted in respect of suitability for membership

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10. Change of Business Address –

I acknowledge the requirement to notify the Association, of any proposal to change business address.

11. General

If, for any reason circumstances change, relating to this application, or relating to business practice once accepted, I agree to notify the Association and understand that a review of membership status may be made.

12.

Association Policy Statements

Having read the Objects, Code of Ethics, Policy Statements and Code of Practice of the

Association, as included in the Rules, I undertake to abide by them.

13.

Application Fee

I enclose \$ representing the entry fee of

\$

14.

Supporting Information

Where considered appropriate, applicants for membership are invited to submit further

information to the Association in support of their particular application for entry.

15.

Additional Information

I authorise the Association to make any enquiries relative to the statements given in this

application which it considers necessary,

16.

Signature of Applicant

Signed:

Designation:

Date of Application:

Complete and send to:

NZSMA

North Island

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Mark Robberds

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Committee

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