

APPLICATION for PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your interest in New Zealand's primary organisation for food industry professionals.

Joining is easy – complete this form, add your two referees reports, sign and post, scan or fax it back - we will contact you promptly.

FAQs

Where can I get more information?

Go to our website www.nzifst.org.nz OR
Contact the Executive Manager, Rosemary Hancock on ph 06 356 1686 or rosemary@nzifst.org.nz

Who can join the NZIFST?

Anyone who is active in any aspect of food science, food technology, food engineering or in any related discipline.
E.g. Managing operations; Product and process development; Disseminating knowledge; Undertaking research.

Am I eligible to join as a Professional Member?

If you are recognised as competent in your profession through a combination of academic study, continuing professional development and work experience in the food industry AND you hold:

- EITHER: A tertiary level degree in food science, food technology or food engineering from a recognised tertiary institute and have achieved a minimum of 3 years professional post-graduate food industry experience;
- OR A tertiary level diploma or certificate in food science, food technology or food engineering from a recognised tertiary institute and have achieved a minimum of 5 years professional post-graduate food industry experience;
- OR A tertiary level degree, diploma or certificate in a related discipline and have achieved a minimum of 7 years professional food industry post-graduate experience;
- OR Have acquired knowledge and developed competencies in food science and technology to the level expected of a Professional Member and a minimum of 10 years professional food industry experience

AND: can provide evidence of (i) continuing professional development; and (ii) of any contributions to the Institute (or relevant organisations) and the business of the organisation

Then **YES**, you should join as a Professional Member.

What are the benefits of NZIFST Membership?

NZIFST members benefit from:

- **Professional** development programmes
- **Networking** at regular branch meetings, seminars and the Annual Conference

And gain:

- **Information** through the bi-monthly *Food New Zealand*, the fortnightly e-newsletter *Nibbles*, and our informative website
- **Recognition** through awards, scholarships and travel grants.

How much does it cost and when do I pay?

The 2009/2010 annual subscription fee is \$176.25 incl GST. (Professional and "Standard" members pay the same fee) Your initial subscription will be calculated on a pro rata basis during the year and will be invoiced after your application is approved. A discount may apply for prompt payment.

Will my employer pay my sub?

Many employers will pay your subscription because they also benefit as:

- Members get new ideas, network and make contacts at branch meetings
- Members get discounts at annual conference, branch meetings & professional development trainings
- Members find it easier to keep up with their skill-base.

And all of this is good for employers!

Why do you need two addresses?

People move! And some companies are not very good at forwarding mail on.

What about privacy?

We comply with the Privacy Act and your information will remain confidential to the Institute. We will send you invitations to branch meetings and notices of appropriate events. Our database is not sold or given to third parties. On our own website, your name, company, membership type and email will be visible only in the members' pass worded section.

What about the rules and ethics statement in Section D of the form?

A summary Ethics version is attached at the end of this document, or they can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.nzifst.org.nz/about-nzifst/admin.asp>. They are also available from the Institute office.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP Application

I am applying to be a: Professional Member – Please note that two referees' reports AND your brief CV are also required. Subscription will be invoiced.

AND I am ... (please ✓ tick one)

- joining for the first time
- a former Professional Member rejoining (approximately when were you last a member? _____)
- a Member upgrading to Professional Member

I was introduced by (please print full name of the member who encouraged you to join/rejoin):

SECTION A – YOUR DETAILS

Title (Prof, Dr, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms)..... Last Name

First Name(s)..... Known as

Highest academic qualification gained OR current course of study..

Year Gained..... Course Provider..... Country.....

ADDRESS #1: WORK or PLACE OF STUDY

Job Title

Company / Institution

Mailing Address (PO Box or Street)..... Suburb

City..... Postcode

Phone ()..... Fax ().....

Mobile ()..... Email.....

ADDRESS #2: PRIVATE

Street or PO Box Suburb.....

City..... Postcode.....

Phone ()..... Fax ().....

Mobile ()..... Email.....

(Please ✓ tick)

My preferred POSTAL address is: Work Private;

AND my preferred EMAIL address is: Work Private

SECTION B – Optional Special Interest Group Memberships (no extra fee)

Please (✓) tick the boxes if you wish to join any or all of the following groups:

- Dairy Division
- Food Safety Group
- Sensory Evaluation Group
- Nutrition Group
- Packaging Group

SECTION C – Privacy Act, Rules, Ethics and Declaration

I understand that you will post me the free bi-monthly journal Food NZ; email the fortnightly e-zine “Nibbles”; and will include my name, email address and work place in the Members' Only area of the NZIFST website - And I can cancel these at any time by notifying the Executive Manager.

I, the undersigned, declare the information given with this application to be correct. I undertake, if admitted, to abide by the Institute's Rules, and Code of Ethics. (A summary Code of Ethics is attached to the end of this application form)

Signature..... Name..... Date.....

SECTION D – Your Qualifications & Experience

To evaluate your eligibility for Professional Membership we require your Curriculum Vita, or a statement or list that clearly shows:

- (i) The academic qualifications and other professional recognition you have received – (proof of qualification may be requested)
- (ii) And gives evidence of your RESPONSIBILITY and COMPETENCY within the food industry.

This should include **positions you have held, length of service, and type of work undertaken** in each position, to demonstrate that:

- (a) Throughout your food industry career you have developed personally to a level whereby you have accepted significant responsibility as a professional. AND
- (b) Throughout your career you have achieved competency in food science and technology, and involvement with these disciplines at a professional level for at least three years (or such time as necessary to meet the criteria on page 1)

At its discretion, the Membership Committee may recognise some or all of such experience as qualifying experience

SECTION E – We require REFERENCES from TWO Referees

Please provide **TWO** supporting referee's statements (using the forms over page) attesting to good character, from **Fellow** or **Professional Members** of the NZIFST, or Professional Members of other equivalent Institutions.

At the discretion of the Membership Committee, an applicant's current employer may be accepted as a referee.

Please contact rosemary@nzifst.org.nz if you would like to confirm the eligibility of your chosen referees.

Please return this completed application to:

NZIFST, PO Box 5574, Terrace End, Palmerston North 4441, NZ or Fax to +64 6 356 1687

Any queries to rosemary@nzifst.org.nz, phone +64 6 356 1686

Please continue →

REFEREE ONE

Applicant's Name

Referee

Name.....

Company Position

Membership level within NZIFST (if applicable)

Name of and membership level in equivalent society (if applicable)

How long, and in what capacity have you known the applicant?.....

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Referee's assessment or comment on the applicant in the following areas:

(a) General knowledge in food science and technology.....

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(b) Professionalism in their career to date.....

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(c) Communication skills.....

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(d) Level of responsibility held.....

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(e) Demonstrated ethics.....

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Referee's Declaration: I have sighted the full application, and to the best of my knowledge believe all details to be correct. I believe that the applicant is capable of adhering to a high standard of professional practice and integrity, and therefore a suitable person to become a member of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science & Technology Inc.

Referee's Signature..... Date.....

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REFEREE TWO

Applicant's Name

Referee

Name.....

Company Position

Membership level within NZIFST (if applicable)

Name of and membership level in equivalent society (if applicable)

How long, and in what capacity have you known the applicant?.....

Referee's assessment or comment on the applicant in the following areas:

(a) General knowledge in food science and technology.....

(b) Professionalism in their career to date.....

(c) Communication skills.....

(d) Level of responsibility held.....

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Referee's Signature..... Date.....

NZIFST CODE OF ETHICS – (Summary Version)

If you require the full version of this Code of Ethics, please contact the NZIFST Executive Manager (phone 06 356 1686)

1. INTRODUCTION

The New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology Incorporated seeks to be the New Zealand society for food industry professionals, benefiting members and the community through the development and promotion of technical proficiency, ethical practices and communications. Accordingly, all members shall endeavour to behave in an ethical manner at all times. The Institute defines and, where appropriate, rules on unethical behaviour by Members.

Professional food scientists and technologists may be faced with conflicting loyalties, e.g. to society and to their employers. The Code of Ethics establishes the underlying principle that in matters of health, safety, fraud and deception a Member's primary obligation is to society. This is often stated or implied in food legislation.

The special role of the food industry in delivering safe and wholesome food to people remote from the production system must be recognised.

2. STATEMENT OF ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

Members of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology shall uphold the dignity, standing and reputation of their profession and of the Institute with consumers, industry, government, and society by adherence to the following four principles:

2.1 Public Health and Safety-

Members shall act to prevent an action, or lack of action, that might reasonably be expected to result in the consumption of food products that are harmful to public health or safety.

2.2 Fraud and Deception –

Members shall not participate in any action that might reasonably be regarded as fraudulent or deceptive.

2.3 Provision of Products, Services or Information –

Members shall use their best endeavours to ensure that all products, services or information they provide are lawful, accurate and meaningfully presented.

2.4 Professional Behaviour –

Members shall act in a responsible manner to preserve and enhance the reputation of the industry and the Institute.

3. ETHICS ADVOCATES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

3.1 Ethics Advocates

This code recognises that Members, either through their own volition, or by direction of their employer, are sometimes faced with a decision or action that may breach this code. As a support network the Institute shall maintain a group of Ethics Advocates to assist and represent the members when necessary.

3.2 Disciplinary Action

The Institute may choose to suspend or expel Members for breaches of this Code of Ethics. Such actions are taken by the Council on recommendation of the Presidents' Committee according to the Rules and Constitution of the Institute.