



ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE OF KENYA MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Introduction

The purpose behind the criteria is to ensure that:

- The membership reflects a high level of professional competence and integrity;
- EIK members are recognized as professionals in their field by other professions and by organizations whose work impinges on the natural environment;

1.1. Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms are used with the intended meaning as defined

Environmental management: The ecological management of the natural environment

Relevant Qualification: Depending on the content, an undergraduate science degree from a recognized university might be considered relevant and / or in addition to relevant training in EIA:, and any other qualification or experience which may be deemed equivalent.

Environmental practitioner: Person who has undertaken environmental assessments (Environmental Impact Assessment, Strategic EIA, Environmental Audits, Environmental Monitoring and survey) that have been accepted as valid by the relevant Government Authority or Agency mandated with the receipts of such reports.

2. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- a) Any person over the age of eighteen years with the relevant qualifications and /or practical experience to practice in the profession of integrated environmental management shall subject to the approval of the committee, become a member on payment of an entrance fee which will be determined by the Institute from time to time
- b) Every member shall pay an annual subscription fee to be determined by the Institute from time to time.
- c) The following shall be the categories of membership

2.1. NON-PRACTICING MEMBERSHIP

The categories below will fall under non-practicing membership

1. Honorary membership
2. Affiliate membership
3. Student membership
4. Corporate Membership

2.1.1. Student Membership

Applicants must be engaged in a course leading to an examined degree, HND or equivalent qualification in a relevant subject.

Upon graduation, those wishing to remain members of EIK should apply for Affiliate membership.

2.1.2. Affiliate Membership

Affiliates of the Institute are those who have satisfied the Institute that they have acquired or wish to acquire skills in the environment field but who may have insufficient experience of professional practice at a high level of competence and/or lack a relevant qualification.

2.1.3. Honorary membership

Those distinguished individuals who have shown exemplary stewardship towards the environment and have a proven track record of consistently standing up for the environment in the course of their duties or lifetime and who are otherwise not qualified for membership in other categories.

2.1.4. Corporate membership

Corporate membership is granted to firms that have interest in environmental management activities.

2.2. PRACTICING MEMBERSHIP

1. Fellow member
2. Lead membership
3. Associate membership
4. Firms membership

2.2.1. Fellow Membership

Those distinguished individuals who have shown exemplary stewardship towards the environment and who have at least 15 years of professional experience in the environment field subject to the approval by the Institute

2.2.2. Lead Membership

Applicants for Lead Membership must be currently engaged in or actively seeking professional practice in the management of the natural environment.

Academic qualifications and professional experience:

- An undergraduate degree in a relevant¹ subject and have a minimum of five years of relevant post qualification professional experience or
- A Master's degree in a relevant subject (and having at least three years relevant post qualification professional experience; or
- An academic PhD degree in a relevant subject and having at least two years relevant post qualification professional experience

2.2.3. Associate Membership

Associates must be currently engaged in or actively seeking professional practice in the environmental field.

Academic qualifications and professional experience

- Higher National Diploma in a relevant subject having at least one-year relevant post qualification professional experience
- Diploma of not less than 1 year from a relevant subject from a recognized institution having at least two years relevant post qualification professional experience
- An undergraduate degree in a relevant subject²
- Those with fewer years' professional experience than required should acquire Affiliate membership, while they complete the qualifying period for Associate membership.

2.2.4. Firms membership

Firm's membership is granted to firms that are engaged in environmental management activities. The following conditions apply

- The firm has a certificate of registration of a business name or certificate of incorporation;
- The firm has at least one individual duly registered as a Lead member of the EIK and who has a valid practicing certificate; and
- The firm fulfills any other condition as may be stipulated by the Institute