

Provisional Membership is suitable for early career and entry-level professionals with a minimum of one year of relevant occupational hygiene experience.

This membership is ideal for individuals who:

- Are currently working in the occupational hygiene field
- Hold relevant qualifications
- Are seeking to engage more with the profession and access valuable industry resources

The information provided in your application must meet the requirements for Provisional Membership as outlined in the AIOH Membership Guidelines.

As a Provisional Member, you'll have access to member benefits including professional development opportunities, networking, mentoring, and discounted rates for AIOH events and resources.

Criteria	Provisional Membership
Education	Degree or diploma in Science/Engineering (meeting AIOH Council's criteria)
Basic Principles Course	Required only if no hygiene-related subjects were studied
Work Experience	1+ year full-time (50% in occupational hygiene)
Professional Competence	Foundational knowledge of occupational hygiene
References Required	1 Full or Fellow Member + 1 Educator/Senior Manager/Contractor
Professional Reports	Required if both references are not Full/Fellow Members

Provisional Membership Requirements

Section 2.2 – Provisional Membership Criteria

To qualify for Provisional Membership, applicants must:

- Hold a degree or diploma in Science, or Engineering that meets AIOH Council criteria.
- Be working in occupational hygiene, with at least one year of full-time experience, where at least 50% of their work involves occupational hygiene activities.
- Demonstrate a foundational understanding of occupational hygiene principles.

Section 3 – Qualifications Criteria for Provisional Membership

3.1.1 Undergraduate Qualifications Acceptable to Council

An undergraduate degree is considered acceptable if:

- It is in science or engineering.
- It includes at least one year of full-time equivalent study in either:
 - **Quantitative science subjects: *Examples:*** Chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, physics, mathematics, statistics, biology, physiology, and anatomy.

(Excludes subjects that are largely descriptive or qualitative, such as botany, zoology, psychology, and environmental management).

- **Occupational hygiene subjects: *Examples:*** Occupational toxicology, occupational epidemiology, physical hazards, chemical hazards, biological hazards, and ergonomics.

(Excludes occupational health and safety law and general OHS subjects such as safety science).

Where no occupational hygiene subjects have been studied in the undergraduate and/or postgraduate degree, applicants must complete the Basic Principles of Occupational Hygiene (BPC) course, including passing the W201 exam.

3.1.2 Postgraduate Qualifications Acceptable to Council

The following postgraduate qualifications satisfy the requirements for Full or Provisional Membership:

- **Edith Cowan University** – Master of Occupational Hygiene and Toxicology
- **University of Wollongong** – Master of Occupational Hygiene
- **University of Queensland** – Masters of Occupational Hygiene, Dual Masters of Occupational Hygiene / Occupational Health and Safety Science
- **RMIT University** – Master of Occupational Health and Safety (major in Occupational Hygiene) between November 2016 and July 2022
- **Deakin University** – Graduate Diploma of Occupational Hygiene (for students who commenced studies between 1993 and 2013)

3.1.3 Equivalent Qualifications/Pathways Acceptable to Council

The following alternative pathways are recognised:

- Certification as a hygienist under any IOHA-recognised certification scheme.

An applicant without an acceptable qualification listed above may still be considered if they have completed one of the following courses in conjunction with appropriate experience, demonstrated competence, and an interview:

- Graduate Certificate of Occupational Hygiene (Deakin University)
- Graduate Certificate of Occupational Hygiene (University of Wollongong)
- Graduate Certificate of Occupational Hygiene (Edith Cowan University)
- The International Certificate in Occupational Hygiene (ICertOH)
- BOHS Certificate of Operational Competence in Occupational Hygiene
- Any internationally IOHA-recognised accredited program

Professional Competence & References for Provisional Membership

To demonstrate professional competence, applicants must:

- **Provide two professional references:**
 - One (1) year of direct knowledge of the applicant.
 - One reference must be from a Full Member (MAIOH) or Fellow (FAIOH) of the AIOH
 - The second reference may be from an educator (such as a university professor) or a senior manager who has supervised the applicant's work.
- **Professional Reports:**
 - **Not required** if one reference is from a Full Member or Fellow.
 - **Required** if neither reference is from a Full Member or Fellow.

Reports must demonstrate the applicant's understanding of occupational hygiene concepts and their application in workplace settings.

Note: As of May 2025, the AIOH Membership & Qualifications (M&Q) Committee is reviewing the Membership Application Guidelines. The above criteria reflect the current requirements and may be subject to change pending Council approval.