



Australasian **Housing** Institute

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Your professional association...

Membership information and application form

As a social housing professional in Australasia you are one of more than 11,000 people working in paid and voluntary positions in public, community, Indigenous and supported housing services and tenancy advice. The AHI is your professional association: the only organisation spanning the entire social housing sector, drawing together the people and the varied disciplines that together make up the modern social housing system.

The AHI works with you and your colleagues across New Zealand and Australia to help you achieve excellence in your work, and the best possible outcomes for your tenants, communities and organisations.

## Uniting and supporting social housing professionals...

This is a time of radical change for our profession: system reform, organisation change, pressure on resources and a shifting customer dynamic. The AHI is at the forefront of reshaping what it means to be a social housing professional. We play a unique role in:

1. **Furthering recognition for social housing professionals** – shaping practice standards; increasing access to accredited social housing qualifications; and presenting peer-assessed awards for excellence
2. **Facilitating connections and debate** between colleagues across the profession – bringing together people with shared and complementary interests from different places, sectors, jobs and organisations
3. **Providing new opportunities** for professional development and advancement – enabling everyone across the spectrum of professional experience to share and build practice skills, ideas and approaches
4. **Influencing social housing policy and practice** from the broadest possible base – maintaining and promoting a well-informed, balanced and responsive approach to social housing issues

## ...through quality products and services...

AHI products and services are designed to support you to enhance your professional practice, maintain your motivation to contribute fully to professional life, and achieve personal career goals.

Our events program addresses topical issues for our profession. We deliver each workshop and seminar in both capital cities and regional centres, and on demand in the workplace. Our conferences and practice networks may focus on local issues or particular specialisations such as asset management or community renewal. Informal local member networks and activities are run by the Branch Committees.

We publish *HousingWORKS* our highly regarded journal three times a year. Our regular e-magazine *Housing People* broadcasts AHI and member news, and showcases your work and interests.



## ...and a diverse and active membership...

Every AHI member plays an important part in the success of the AHI through participation in events and networks, contributions to publications and debate, and achievements in social housing. As an AHI member the benefits for you are:

1. **Connections** with social housing professionals locally, throughout Australasia and internationally and the chance to share ideas, practices and opinions with others from a variety of backgrounds
2. **Influence** – you will be an active player in shaping the AHI's engagement with policy makers and practice leaders, and in defining the future for your profession
3. Opportunities to **enhance your professional practice** through our professional development, information, training and practice initiatives and to work with your colleagues to shape what it means to be a social housing professional in New Zealand and Australia
4. **Discounts and freebies** – including: discounted registration fees for all AHI seminars, conferences and workshops; free AHI publications and some special events; the National Building and Surveying Alliance Member Benefits Program, which offers special services and discounts on, for example, accommodation, car hire and airline clubs; tax deductible membership fee (in Australia).

## ...Join now!

There are three grades of membership:

**Member** At least five years involvement; or a housing qualification and at least one year's involvement\*

**Associate** At least 12 months involvement\*

**Affiliate** Less than 12 months involvement\*; or no current formal involvement but a genuine ongoing interest as an academic, student, person on extended leave or a retired person

*\*involvement refers to a paid or unpaid role with a social housing organisation that is formal and continuing.*

Membership subscriptions are charged on a sliding scale related to your level of income. There is a special rate if you reside outside Australia or New Zealand. Full details of rates are on the Membership Application Form.

**To join now, complete and return the attached form to our head office.**

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## Membership application form

### Personal details

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact details

Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(W): \_\_\_\_\_ Email (H): \_\_\_\_\_

Which is your preferred email for news/member updates?  work  home

### Employment details

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

### Address details

Work address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Where should we post magazines, journals etc?  work  home

Where should we post your membership invoices?  work  home

### Membership options

How many years have you been working in the social housing sector? \_\_\_\_\_ years

Which grade of membership are you applying for?

*(See the attached membership information for definitions of the different levels)*

Member  Associate  Affiliate

Membership fees are set according to your annual salary level. Please tick your current salary:

<i>Salary</i>	<i>Membership Fee</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$20,000 pa	\$20/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$20,000 and \$50,000 pa	\$75/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Between \$50,000 and \$100,000 pa	\$150/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater than \$100,000 pa	\$300/year
<input type="checkbox"/> Overseas (resident outside of Australia and New Zealand)	\$75/year



## Payment methods

To assist you with payment of your membership fees the AHI offers a Direct Debit Scheme. This enables you, at no extra cost, to pay in monthly instalments with the amount being directly debited from your bank account (in Australia only) or from your credit card (available to all members). Your monthly instalment amount is equal to  $\frac{1}{12}$  of your annual membership fee.\*

**Please tick your preference below and complete the relevant section:**

- OPTION A: Direct Debit from account (monthly) or**  
 **OPTION B: Annual payment**

### OPTION A: Direct Debit from account (monthly)

Direct debit from your bank account  
(Australian members only)

Bank/Building Society: \_\_\_\_\_

BSB:    -

Account Number:

Account Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/s: \_\_\_\_\_

OR Direct Debit from Credit Card

Mastercard  Visa  AMEX ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No

Expiry Date

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you decide to pay monthly, when it comes time for your annual membership renewal the AHI will send you a renewal notice prior to the start of your new membership year. If you wish to continue with your membership you simply do nothing – it couldn't be easier. If you wish to change the payment arrangement, you will have to cancel your direct debit in writing to the AHI's Office.

Full terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Scheme are available on our website (see Membership section)

### OPTION B: Annual payment

Enclosed is my payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate method of payment)

Cheque  Money Order  Mastercard  Visa  AMEX ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No

Expiry Date

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration

I declare that the information given in this form is true and accurate. I agree that if this application is accepted by the Board of the AHI then I will abide by the rules of the AHI and contribute to its activities.  
(A copy of the rules are available for download from the AHI website.)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_



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