



11. Classes of Membership

- a. **Business Member** who shall comprise companies, partnerships, trusts, or sole traders, each being a business which:
- permanently employs staff, including at least one qualified person in a branch of customs broking and/or freight forwarding and
 - has been successful in business for at least twenty-four months prior to application to join the Federation.

Business Members shall be represented by a designated delegate who shall have one vote at any General Meeting.

Nominated representatives, if elected as an Officer of the Council, shall hold office for the elected term conditional upon their sponsor's membership or until the Business Member revokes the appointment in writing.

- b. **Small Business** who shall comprise companies, partnerships, trusts, or sole traders, each being a business which:
- permanently employs staff, including at least one qualified person in a branch of customs broking and/or freight forwarding and;
 - has been successful in business for at least twenty-four months prior to application to join the Federation

Small Business Members shall be represented by a designated delegate who shall have one vote at any General Meeting. Nominated representatives, if elected to Office or Council, shall hold office for the elected term conditional upon their sponsor's membership or until the Small Business Member revokes the appointment in writing.

- c. **Related Services Member** who shall include companies, partnerships, trusts, sole traders, Government Agencies each being a business which may be described as:
- shipping company; Government Department; ship agent; airline; port company; tele-communication company.

Businesses, which qualify for membership as a 'Business' Member, as prescribed in rule 11.a shall not be eligible for membership in this category.

- d. **Client Partner Member** who shall be a business engaged in importing or exporting businesses, which qualify for membership as a 'Business' Member, as prescribed in rule 11.a shall not be eligible for membership in this category.
- e. **Associate Member** who shall comprise individuals who have held for not less than twelve (12) months a New Zealand Diploma of Business Studies endorsed Customs Broking or Freight Forwarding, or IATA/FIATA Diploma or FIATA Diploma in Freight Forwarding or such other qualification as may be approved by the Council. Associate Members shall have one vote at any General Meeting.
- f. **Student Member** who shall comprise individuals who are currently engaged in formal studies leading to a qualification deemed relevant and essential to customs broking and/or freight forwarding and approved by the Council or have completed studies and do not qualify for Associate Membership. A Student Member is non-financial and does not have voting rights.
- g. **Retired Member**
- h. **Life Member** at the discretion of the Council, who on the recommendation of the Council have been elected by a simple majority of Members voting at a General Meeting in recognition of meritorious services to the Federation or its predecessors, the New Zealand Federation of Customs Brokers Inc, and the New Zealand Institute of International Freight Forwarders Inc.