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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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BACKGROUND

The **Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries of New Zealand Inc.** is a grouping of Building Industry organisations, including contractors, tradesmen, manufacturers and suppliers, established to represent the interests of members and their customers for interior wall and ceiling lining systems and related products.

The Association was formed in 1992 as the Interior Systems Association incorporating existing trade groups of suspended ceilings, plasterboard and fibrous plaster. The name of the association was changed in November 2005.

The Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries of New Zealand Inc. is the New Zealand representative of the Federation of Wall and Ceiling Industries of Australia and New Zealand (FWCIANZ).

In May 2002 the Association introduced new membership classes to provide for registration of trade qualified and suitably experienced trade businessmen operating in interiors.

The Association is focusing on:

- Providing the NZ consumer with complete security in the knowledge that AWCINZ Certified Business Members either are or employ trade qualified staff or possess the trade skills to perform and adhere to strict guidelines for achieving acceptable standards in both workmanship and business practices.
- Providing customer service support, which includes dispute processes for members and their customers.
- Developing and directing Industry Training for contractors and students via the Interior Systems National Advisory Group (NAG) in conjunction with the Building & Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO).
- Representing the interests of members in industry developments and trade related matters.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

1.	Trainee Member	Trainees who are participating in an interior systems National Certificate training programme recognised by AWCINZ. <i>Free Membership</i>
2.	Certified Tradesmen	Individual members who meet the Trade Qualified criteria of the AWCINZ (<i>See special conditions regarding those in Business</i>)
3.	Certified Business Members	Business Members who are involved in contracting and meet the business criteria of the AWCINZ.
4.	Corporate Members	Any company having an interest in the aims and objectives of the AWCINZ and are not involved in contracting and therefore do not qualify for 3 above.
5.	Associate Members	Any trade association, contracting member or individual who does not qualify or does not apply to qualify under points 2. Or 3.

Acceptance of membership applications in all categories is at the discretion of the AWCINZ Executive Council.

We have detailed the membership categories:

TRAINEE MEMBERSHIP (INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP)

For those participating in an Interior Systems National Certificate Training Programme or training programme recognized by AWCINZ.

Upon acceptance you will become a Trainee member.

Benefits:

1. You will be a non voting member of the Association.
2. You will have access to a range of AWCINZ merchandise products excluding business products.

The Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries of New Zealand Inc. does not guarantee your workmanship on individual job sites.

Membership is Free. You will not have the right to Vote at Meetings. You may only remain a Trainee member while you are training under an interior systems Training programme agreement recognized by AWCINZ (the period of free membership may not exceed 3 Years)

CERTIFIED TRADESMAN MEMBER (INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP)

For individuals who are Trade Qualified.

Upon acceptance you will become known as a Certified Tradesman member.

Note: It is the Associations rule that if you invoice your services or have any employees as a contractor in any of the interior systems trade classes, you are deemed to be a business and therefore must apply for and be granted Business Membership before the Certified Tradesman membership will be issued.

The membership will be issued in your personal name at the same time as the Certified Business membership card.

Benefits:

1. You will receive a "Certified Tradesman" registration Card.
2. You will be a full member of the Association.
3. You will be placed on a register of those Trade Qualified in Interior Systems Trades.
4. You will have access to a range of AWCINZ merchandise products, which **excludes business products.**
5. You will have access to a range of discounts on products and services - medical insurance, general insurance, fuel, and tools, **excluding Business products or services.**

What can the Association do for the Trade Qualified Member?

The Association will certify that the holder of Certified Tradesman membership either has Trade Qualifications or has achieved the strict standards required by the Association to be accepted as Trade Qualified.

This is **not** a guarantee of your workmanship on individual jobs.

Certified Tradesman Membership Criteria:

You must hold a National Certificate in an Interior Systems Trade.

The definitions of Trade Classes within the registration system follow current National Certificates as listed below and you must indicate the skills in which you are qualified.

AFI	Access Floors Installation
FCLFin	Fibre Cement Linings Finishing
FCLFix	Fibre Cement Linings Fixing
FPI	Fibrous Plaster Fixing & Finishing
FPMan	Fibrous Plaster Manufacturing
PBFin	Plasterboard Finishing
PBFix	Plasterboard Fixing
PPI	Proprietary Partitions Installation
SCI	Suspended Ceilings Installation

The annual subscription is \$100 incl. GST for a 12-month period ending 30 June of each year.

CERTIFIED BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

Any person or company who conducts their business as a sole trader, a partnership, or as a private or public company and who carries on their business as a contractor in the Interior Systems trades can apply for business membership.

The Association will only refer customer inquiries to Certified Business Members

Before you or your business can apply to become a business member you must first undertake the following:

1. Be a Certified Tradesman Member
- OR**
2. Your Business Partner must be a Certified Tradesman member
- OR**
3. If you are the owner/Director of the business and you are not a Certified Tradesman member and do not qualify to become a Certified Tradesman member, you must employ a person who is trade qualified or is eligible to become a Certified Tradesman member in a project Supervisory or Management role.

Note

You will be required to sign a written undertaking to maintain the employment of the Certified Tradesman member in the project management or supervisory position. Should that person leave your employment you will have 30 days to replace that person with a Certified Tradesman in order to maintain your Certified Business Membership. Your Certified Business membership may otherwise be subject to termination.

4. When using the services of an interior systems sub contractor they or you must employ a Certified Tradesman member in a project supervisory role.
5. You must have a satisfactory trading record for at least 12 months. Your business must be able to provide three satisfactory trade references from suppliers and four references from clients for whom you have carried out work in the past twelve months.
6. Your business must not have been in any major dispute with a client in the past two years in which the arbitration decision, court ruling or adjudication was awarded against you.

Trade Skills

Your Certified Business Membership Card will show the trade skills for the business. These will be based on the trade skills on the Certified Tradesman of the person supporting this application - refer 1. 2. or 3. above. If you have more than one partner or manager with Certified Tradesman membership with different skills they may be entered on the application form to go on your card. On your application form you must agree to maintain Certified Tradesman Members with these skills in key positions in your company.

Benefits

1. You will become a Certified Business and receive a platinum Registration card identifying your business as a " Certified Business "

The Association will only refer customer's inquiry to Certified Businesses.

The Association does **not** guarantee your workmanship on individual job sites

2. You will have access to a range of business benefits:

- Listed on AWCINZ Website
- Access to a dispute assistance process
- Access to a range of AWCINZ Merchandise
- Insurance at discounted rates – both general and medical insurance
- AA Membership at discounted rate.
- Mobil Card - fuel at discounted rates
- Tools at discounted rates

The annual subscription is \$300 plus GST for a 12 Month period ending 30 June of each year.

(Where an individual holds a Certified Tradesman membership and applies for a Certified Business membership as the owner of the business, the subscription for the Certified Business membership will be \$210 plus GST per annum)

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR OTHER MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Corporate Members

Any company having an interest in the aims & objectives of the AWCINZ and not involved in contracting.

Subscription \$500 plus GST per annum

The subscriptions are for a 12 month period ending 30 June

Associate Members

Any trade association, contracting member or individual who does not qualify under other criteria.

Subscription \$300 plus GST for a 12 month period ending 30 June of each year.

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