

NON-FINANCIAL MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Non-financial membership is when members have not paid their subscription fee by the due date of 30 June. After that point, they are removed from the public view of Register on the website as they are no longer classified as an active member, and they receive no membership benefits (such as copies of *Ata* or the Newsletter, discounted registration to events etc), until such time as they have paid their overdue subscription fee.

When members choose to actively resign from the Association, they can currently return to membership within three years on payment of the full fees for the year as well as providing information on their supervision and professional development situation.

There have been a number of members in the last couple of years who believed they could actively choose to become non-financial members and not pay the subscription fee for a period of up to three years, while still remaining members and thus continuing to be listed on our website as an active member. They appear to assume that this is a valid membership option that they can opt into, as an alternative to choosing to resign from the Association entirely.

Council is asked to consider the following questions:

1. Should non-financial members be listed on the NZAP website as active members of the Association, or not?
2. Does Council wish to have further discussion regarding the option of classifying non-financial membership as a valid membership category for members to request to become?
3. Alternatively, will Council clarify that non-financial membership is not an official membership category for members to request to become?

Currently, members who do not pay their subscription fee have their membership terminated after an additional full year of non-payment. In other words, somebody who does not pay their subscription fee for the 2021-22 subscription payment year by 30 June 2021 would have their membership terminated by Council at their meeting in the first quarter of 2023.

4. Should this time period be reduced, so that people who have not paid by 31 March (i.e. the end of the subscription payment year) have their membership terminated at that time, and ratified by Council at their meeting in the second quarter of the year, instead of waiting another year before termination?

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