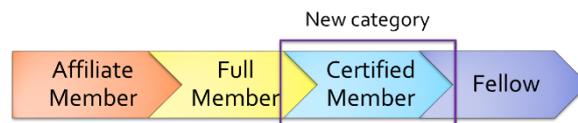


EMAHK's Certified Member Category

Background

The vision of EMAHK is to become *"The leading and recognised contributor to environmental management and sustainable development discourse, as well as to the advancement of environmental management as a professional field"*.

To achieve this vision, there is a need to offer a path towards professional recognition in the environmental industry. With this in mind, the Executive Committee proposes to add a new membership category that demonstrates the competency of members who meet certain requirements.



Requirements

Members applying to become a Certified Member may have different combinations of education and work experiences. Two routes are available.

1. Have completed a post-graduate degree in the environmental management field AND have at least 5 years work experience in an environment related position, with demonstrated management skills in at least 3 years.
2. Have at least 7 years work experience in an environment related position, with demonstrated management skills in at least 3 years AND have been a Full Member for not less than 2 years.

Application and Certification Process

A new application form will be used, and a current Executive Committee member will be required to sign as a Supporter. Work experience will be emphasized to fulfill the requirements, and supporting evidence will be required to be submitted with the application form. There will also be a new, more detailed Code of Ethics for Certified Members.

The certification is valid for 2 years, and the annual membership fee is \$500. A list of all Certified Members will be displayed on the EMAHK website for public reference.

Current EMAHK members meeting the above requirements may apply to change to the Certified Member category anytime in 2016. The difference in membership fee will be pro-rated in such cases. Commencing 2017, applications for membership category change will only be accepted during annual membership renewal for existing members, although new applications will be accepted from non-members anytime.

Renewal

In order to ensure the continued professionalism of Certified Members, there is a requirement that they stay in touch with new developments in the industry. At the end of the two-years certification period, Certified Members will be required to produce a log of their continuous learning activities. A standard form will be available for download at that time.



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Benefits

A Certified Members of EMAHK has been validated to be a professional practicing in an area of environmental management. This satisfies the basic pre-requisite to apply as a Qualified Environmental Professional under the HKIQEP (Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professional) scheme to be launched in April 2016.

Furthermore, being listed in EMAHK's online register provides public recognition of the member in the environmental management arena.