AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE
OF MARINE SURVEYORS

Membership Guide

The largest industry body in the Australasian region for professional marine surveyors.



The Australasian Institute of Marine Surveyors (AIMS) is the largest industry body in our region for professional marine surveyors and their cross-sector colleagues and the second largest marine surveyor body in the world.

The AIMS is a not-for-profit membership-based Institute which allows our members access to a wealth of knowledge, training, support, networking opportunities and professional accreditation.

We also facilitate the link between industry consumers and quality professional surveyors via the membership database on our website and enforce strict codes of conduct and ethical behaviour.

Membership opportunities exist through a range of levels from students and those starting out in their surveying profession right through to formally qualified and extensively experienced marine surveyors and industry accredited professionals.



Vision

Excellence in marine surveying

Safe vessels, safe seas, safe surveyors.

Mission

To promote, maintain and advance the specialised discipline of marine surveying in Australasia.

Core Values



Expertise

Build and enhance skills through participation in continuing professional development activities, providing access to technical resources, and facilitating industry events and networking opportunities.



Integrity

Commitment to the Institute's code of professional practice, access to affordable professional insurance and a complaint management policy in line with a process of procedural fairness.



Quality

Promotion of industry best practices and quality survey standards including recognition of achievement with our Awards for Excellence.

Our Members enjoy access to a range of exclusive benefits including:

- A professional listing on our website linking surveyors to potential clients.
- Discounted rates on Marine Survey Qualifications and leading industry training modules.
- Institute organised industry specific meetings, conferences and networking opportunities.
- Quarterly newsletter publications containing sector news and technical information.
- Use of our Membership Stamp to enhance your corporate image & credibility.
- Access to listings of employment and training opportunities with member organisations.
- Access to a wealth of knowledge and support from the CEO and Executive team.
- Opportunity for professional accreditation and certification.

Membership Levels

Student Membership

Is open to those who have enrolled in a Diploma of Marine Surveying with the Institute or who are studying maritime qualifications in higher education institutions who are not currently working in the industry.

Associate Membership

Is open to those who have between 0-2 years experience as a marine surveyor as well as one of the following:

- A seafarer holding marine qualifications, Naval Architect, Marine Engineer, Boat Builder, Shipwright, Electrician, Marine Mechanic or othermarine specialist;

OR

- Holds a Diploma of Marine surveying or is studying towards the completion of;

OR

- Is currently working as a Marine Surveyor

The maximum term for Associate Membership is 5 years.

Full Membership

Is open to those who meet one of the following criteria:

- Holds a Diploma of Marine Surveying plus aminimum of 2 years current full-time experience (or pro-rata equivalent) as a marine surveyor within Australia or New Zealand

OR

- Holds prior maritime qualifications plus 5 years current full-time experience (or pro-rata equivalent) as a marine surveyor within Australia or New Zealand

OR

- Is granted special exemption at the discretion of the board on required qualifications and/ or experience or a non-traditional entry pathway

Certified Commercial Marine Surveyors™

Is available to those who fulfill all the requirements of full membership and wish to apply for Certification as a Marine Surveyor.

Additional requirements for eligibility for Certification include:

- Provide evidence of appropriate insurance coverage for work undertaken
- Provide evidence of operating under a Quality Management System as per AIMS guidelines
- Comply with AIMS yearly submission of Continuing Professional Development activities
- Strictly adhere to the AIMS Code of Professional Conduct at all times.

Both individual members as well as organisations can apply for Certification and AIMS can assist with the requirements to apply.

Fellow Members

Are appointed by the Board.

Life Members

Are appointed by the Board.



Continuing Professional Development

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a mandatory requirement for all levels of membership of the AIMS apart from students. The AIMS requires all members to undertake activities which will keep them abreast of professional developments, new skills and broaden their experience.

Members are required to obtain a minimum of 10 points per calendar year. However, points can be accrued and rolled over to the following year where a member has exceeded the minimum points in one year.

Members will need to provide evidence that they have obtained 10 points per calendar year or 30 points during each consecutive 3-year period.

Evidence is required to support CPD activities, and this may include a receipt, a copy of a certificate of attendance, email confirmation or trail, diary notation or log, or any other means of confirming CPD activities.

Continuing Professional Development activities may include but are not limited to:

- Subscriptions to magazines and industry publications.
- Attending a marine survey organisation or company technical meeting.
- Attending an industry networking event (formal or informal).
- Technical meetings or presentations in person or online.
- Short courses and workshops.
- Publication of a letter or short article in an industry magazine.
- Completion of any business management activities.
- Completion of an AIMS business or professional development short course.
- Researching and learning a new skill or mentoring a new surveyor.
- The preparation and presentation of material for courses, conferences, and seminars.
- Attendance at seminars and conferences related to the marine survey and shipping
- industries generally.
- Completion of an AIMS survey specific professional development program or undertaking any post-graduate study or individual tertiary short course, unit or subject.
- Formal training course (Diploma or higher) related to marine survey that is undertaken with an assessment component.

	Student	Associate	Full	CCMS
Invitation to Institute organised meetings, networking events and conferences	✔	✔	✔	✔
Member newsletters published quarterly containing leading sector news, technical information and upcoming events	✔	✔	✔	✔
Access to a wealth of knowledge and support including direct contact with AIMS CEO and Administrative team	✔	✔	✔	✔
Current industry news and updates communicated directly to your inbox	✔	✔	✔	✔
Show your professional commitment by associating your brand and/or business with a leading industry association	✔	✔	✔	✔
AIMS website listing including contact details to link with potential clients		✔	✔	✔
Access to affiliated Insurance Consultants who are well versed in the Maritime Industry and work to ensure members are covered at a competitive price		✔	✔	✔
Opportunity to link job hunters with employment opportunities and employers with potential staff and/or trainees		✔	✔	✔
Gain recognition of your achievements through our Awards for Excellence		✔	✔	✔
Discounted member rates for work-based training modules and Marine Survey qualifications		10%	15%	20%
Access to leading industry training and upskilling CPD opportunities		✔	✔	✔
Opportunity to participate in special interest groups or subcommittees to achieve objectives and initiate change within the industry		✔	✔	✔
Use of our Membership Stamp to enhance your corporate image and credibility			✔	✔
Customise your online profile to reflect your areas of professional expertise to allow more clients to connect with you			✔	✔
Eligible to vote on AIMS Board Member nominations			✔	✔
Premium listing on the AIMS website and within Institute publications to extend your reach to potential clients			✔	✔
Access to mentorship and guidance in becoming a Certified Commercial Marine Surveyor™			✔	
Additional discounts available on AIMS Conferences and Special Events				✔
Eligible to vote for and be voted in as an AIMS Board Member				✔
Access to exclusive AIMS Certified Surveyor Marketing Material for use in promoting your Certification				✔

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CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL MARINE SURVEYOR™

We take our responsibility to consumers of marine survey services seriously and we encourage all members to undertake pathways that will lead to Professional Certification.

Certification signifies an individual's (or an organisations) expertise to peers and clients and also helps the marine survey industry as a whole define and maintain standards.

The AIMS has developed standards of marine survey practice for every sector of the marine survey industry and the Certified Commercial Marine Surveyor™ initiative was established in 2018 by the AIMS to ensure consumers of marine surveyor services are able to select a surveyor with confidence.

Certification in specialised fields (categories) of marine survey is verified proof of the professionalism and ability of either an individual surveyor or a marine surveyor company or organisation.

In an industry such as ours, when so much can go wrong if the surveyor is not properly qualified and experienced, Certification provides additional credibility and assurance to clients.

Certified Commercial Marine Surveyors™ have exclusive use of the CCMS certified logo and receive a CCMS identification card and other materials to market their certified status.





Benefits of becoming a Certified Commercial Marine Surveyor™

Full members who satisfy the qualification and experience guidelines will have the opportunity to apply to become a Certified Commercial Marine Surveyor™.

Certified surveyors have demonstrated their commitment to superior professionalism and upholding industry standards as well as delivering superior customer service. In recognition of this professional commitment, certified surveyors have access to additional member benefits.

- Eligible to vote for and be voted in as an AIMS Board Member.
- Additional discounts available on AIMS Conferences and Special Events.
- Use of exclusive CCMS logo in email banners, letterheads and marketing materials.
- Access to marketing materials to promote your industry association affiliation including membership card, AIMS iron on patches andglass or window stickers.
- A printed copy of the AIMS Annual Report.

Membership Fees

Membership Type	Application	Membership	Total
Certified Commercial Marine Surveyor™	$120 Payable at time of application	$735 Payable at time of membership approval	$855
Full Member	$120 Payable at time of application	$460 Payable at time of membership approval	$580
Associate Member	Waived	$405 Payable at time of membership approval	$405
Student Member	Waived	Free with enrolment in AIMS International or Advanced Diploma	Nil

The AIMS membership year runs from July to June. Where an application is approved after July 31 and before June 30 the following year the membership fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis.

Apply for membership now at www.aimsurveyors.com.au or email gm@aimsurveyors.com.au

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