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ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE
OF BUILDING Inc**

AND

**THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE
OF BUILDING**

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Introduction

Preamble The Australian Institute of Building (AIB) and the New Zealand Institute of Building (NZIOB) are both long established bodies focusing on professional management of the construction process. Both recognise advantages in working together more closely, particularly in developing an international profile, recognition and cooperation. This document presents a bilateral agreement aimed at advancing cooperation between the AIB and NZIOB for the benefit of our respective members with international interests.

Agreement **The AIB and the NZIOB agree to work together to raise the profile and recognition of professional management in construction for the benefit of the industry, its clients and society at large.**

Membership Reciprocity

Preamble Membership reciprocity between AIB and NZIOB aims to develop a closer working relationship between the two Institutes through recognising members' requirements and movements between the two countries and developing the level of competencies within the built environment through mutual recognition of each country's guidelines and practices.

Agreement **The AIB and the NZIOB agree to recognise each other's membership grades, although membership may require a further professional interview at the discretion of the receiving Institute.**

The AIB and NZIOB agree to advise and consult each other on modifications, levels, types of, or new routes to membership.

The AIB and NZIOB agree that members of each Institute will be treated for membership on the basis of their individual educational qualifications and/or entry requirements.

Dual Membership

Preamble The Institutes agree that providing opportunities for dual membership at all grades (as scheduled in Annex "A") will be of benefit to both the Institutes and their members. The principle of such dual membership will be that members will pay the full subscription of their 'parent' Institute and pay a 25% discounted subscription of the other Institute's subscription fee schedule, as set down from time to time, with applications for dual membership being submitted to the "parent" Institute in the first instance.

Any changes to the annual fee schedule of either Institute, are to be advised in writing to the other Institute at least three months in advance of the subscription fee change date.

Agreement **The AIB and the NZIOB agree to promote dual membership at a discounted rate as an attractive membership option.**

Accreditation of Qualifications/Assessment of Courses

Preamble The AIB assesses university degree courses for accreditation of the qualifications to which those courses lead; and the NZIOB accredits industry courses as meeting the Institute's requirements for membership.

Specific criteria vary between the Institutes, but the common aim is to assess course outcomes. Arrangements will be put in place to set up the on-going reciprocal recognition of each other's accreditation procedures and standards. Each Institute will refrain from assessing courses in the other's area of interest, as reciprocal recognition will make it unnecessary.

Agreement **The AIB and NZIOB will move to recognise any academic qualification that has been accredited by the other Institute, through the establishment of reciprocal recognition of each other's procedures and standards.**

Marketing and Administration

Preamble Dual membership will need to be promoted and administered effectively to take full advantage of the alliance. For AIB members, the administration of dual membership, including arrangements for professional interviews, will be the responsibility of the AIB. For NZIOB members, the administration of dual membership will be the responsibility of the NZIOB.

The primary benefits of the alliance will be membership growth and increased recognition. Promotional campaigns will need to be developed.

Agreement **A development plan, embracing a business plan and a marketing plan, will be produced jointly and regularly reviewed for promoting dual membership. Arrangements for membership administration will be agreed by both parties to ensure standards of administrative effectiveness are achieved.**

Information Exchange

Preamble It is an important feature of the Alliance Agreement that each Institute has a much greater understanding of each other's work. Due to distance it is not possible to attend each other's Council, Boards and Committees. It is essential, therefore, to exchange appropriate minutes, papers, journals, publications, etc. With the exception of confidential material, each body should have access to information from the other and, where possible, this information should be made available in electronic format.

Agreement **Electronic communications and promotion will become increasingly important. Each Institute will provide a reference to the Alliance and a link to the other Institute's pages on its internet web site.**

Summary of Agreement

This proposal is based on the following Alliance Agreement between the New Zealand Institute of Building and the Australian Institute of Building.

- The AIB and the NZIOB agree to work together to raise the profile and recognition of professional management in construction for the benefit of the industry, its clients and society at large.
- The AIB and the NZIOB agree to recognise each other's membership grades, although membership may be subject to the safeguard of a further professional interview at the discretion of the receiving Institute.
- The AIB and the NZIOB agree to advise and consult each other on modifications to or new routes to corporate membership.
- The AIB and the NZIOB agree that members of each Institute level will be treated for membership on the basis of their individual educational qualifications and entry requirements.
- The AIB and the NZIOB agree to promote dual membership at a discounted rate as an attractive membership option.
- The AIB and the NZIOB agree to recognise any academic qualification that has been accredited by the other Institute.
- A development plan, embracing a business plan and a marketing plan, will be produced jointly and regularly reviewed for promoting dual membership. Arrangements for membership administration will be agreed by both parties to ensure standards of administrative effectiveness are achieved.
- The NZIOB and the AIB agree to exchange information in order to facilitate the understanding of each other's work. Each Institute will nominate an individual to act as the point of contact. Further discussion will determine more precisely the information needs of each organisation.
- Both the NZIOB and the AIB agree to promote the Alliance on their internet sites.
- The NZIOB and AIB agree that the Alliance Agreement should be for a fixed period of three years, after which there will be a formal review. Progress reviews will take place as and when appropriate.

Annexes: A. Routes to membership
B. Details for dual membership

Annexe A to AIB/NZIOB Agreement

ROUTES TO MEMBERSHIP

The Australian Institute of Building (AIB)

The AIB's grades of membership are as follows:

Grade	Postnominals	Requirements	Comments
Student	Nil	Bone fide student of a tertiary level course in a building discipline	
Graduate	GradAIB	Holding an AIB accredited degree	
Licentiate	Nil	Holding an Australian Qualifications Framework level 4 qualification	
Associate Member	AMAIB	Holding an Australian Qualification Framework level 5 or 6 qualification plus at least 150 days work experience in the building industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May qualify academically by Recognition of Prior Learning assessment
Member	MAIB, Chartered Building Professional	Holding a degree plus at least three years experience at professional level positions in the Building industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate membership. • May qualify academically by Recognition of Prior Learning assessment. • All applicants must demonstrate competence at professional level either by documented evidence or by interview
Fellow	FAIB.Chartered Building professional	Holding a degree plus at least five years experience at responsible professional level positions in the building industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate membership

Annexe A to AIB/NZIOB Agreement continued

ROUTES TO MEMBERSHIP

The New Zealand Institute of Building

The NZIOB's grades of membership are as follows:

Grade	Letters	Requirements	Comments
Student	Nil	Undertaking study in an approved course	
Graduate	GradNZIOB	Completed a recognised degree qualification at an approved teaching institution or equivalent and be employed in an industry related business	
Licentiate	LNZIOB	Completed trade qualification or certificate or diploma course and be employed in an industry related business	
Associate	ANZIOB	Completed a recognised certificate or diploma course at an approved teaching institution: or trade examinations and 5 years LNZIOB membership or equivalent	4 years post qualification experience in building industry or related field
Affiliate	AffilNZIOB	Completed a degree in a non related field	10 years experience in a building related profession
Member	MNZIOB	Completed a recognised degree or equivalent in building or related field or 5 years at Associate grade and hold an executive position	4 years experience at professional level in a building or related industry
Fellow	FNZIOB	5 years at Member level of NZIOB	Notable and sustained contribution to the building industry