



Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka

Categories of Membership

1. The Institute shall include three categories, ‘**Fellows**’, ‘**Chartered Biologists**’ (or **Chartered Members**) and ‘**Members**’, all of whom constitute its **Corporate Membership**.
2. The Institute may also include other categories such as Honorary Fellows, Associates, Licentiates, Affiliates and Student Members, all of whom shall constitute its **Non-Corporate Membership**
3. **Non-Corporate Members shall not have the right to vote** at the Annual General or Special General Meetings or to requisition or join in requisitioning of any special General Meeting, of the Institute, **or to hold office in or to be appointed a Member of any Committee of the Council**.
4. The categories of Membership given below shall be entitled to the exclusive use, after their names, of the respective abbreviated designations as appropriate.

Fellows	F. I. Biol. (Sri Lanka)
Honorary Fellows	(Hon.) F. I. Biol. (Sri Lanka)
Chartered Biologists	C. Biol. (Sri Lanka)
Members	M. I. Biol.(Sri Lanka)
Associates	A. I. Biol. (Sri Lanka)
Licentiates.....	L. I. Biol.(Sri Lanka)

Criteria for admission of members

1. Fellow

An applicant for Fellow category should be

- i. at least **35** years of age
- ii. possesses in any field of Biology, a **Ph.D. Degree** / equivalent qualifications from a recognized university
- iii. has not less than **10 years Post-Doctoral** / equivalent experience in activities concerned with Biology and has research publications acceptable to the Council;
- iv. has completed **10 years as a full Member** of the IOB
- v. able to provide evidence of his work and publications, and
- vi. **provide certified copies of all the documents (including the certificate of IOB Membership) as proof of fulfilling above criteria**

2. Chartered Biologist

An applicant for Chartered Membership shall be a person

- i. that has been a Member of the Institute for not less than 5 consecutive years or
- ii. that is already a ‘Fellow’ of the Institute and
- iii. shall provide evidence of **professional competence** and
- iv. shall adhere to the **code of ethical conduct** (see ‘Code of Ethics for IOB members’ on <http://www.iobsl.org/code.php>) that has been adopted by the Institute.

3. Member

An applicant for IOB Member category should be

- i. at least 25 years of age
- ii. a. possesses, in any field of Biology, a Ph.D. degree or equivalent from a recognized university, OR
b. possesses in any field of Biology a 1st or a 2nd Class Special Degree from a recognized university and has at least 5 years of experience in teaching or research in Biology OR
c. possesses in any field of Biology a Special Degree from a recognized university and has at least 7 years of experience in Biology, OR
d. has such qualifications and/or experience in the field of Biology as are acceptable to the Council, and
- iii. is able to provide evidence of his qualifications /experience mentioned in 'ii.d' above, and
- iv. **provide certified copies of all the documents as proof of fulfilling all above criteria**

4. Honorary Fellows

- (i) The Council may from time to time admit any person of eminence to membership of the Institute as an Honorary Fellow without consideration of his academic qualifications provided that there shall **not be more than five Honorary Fellows of the Institute at any time.**
- (ii) Honorary Fellows shall have such privileges as the Council may from time to time prescribe but shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting or to use the initial F. I. Biol. (Sri Lanka) without prefixing '(Hon)' there to provided that any Fellow who is elected an Honorary Fellow shall continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of Corporate Fellows.

5. Associate

- i. at least 21 years of age and
- ii. a. possesses in any field of Biology a 1st or 2nd Class B.Sc. Special Degree from a recognized university OR
b. That he possesses in any field of Biology a B.Sc. Special Degree from a recognized university and has at least 2 years experience in acceptable teaching or research in the field of biology, OR
c. That he has such qualifications and/ or experience in the field of Biology as acceptable to the Council. OR
d. possesses a pass in the Institute Part II Examination and is engaged in or associated actively with any branch of Biology.
- iii. provide **certified copies of educational qualifications and other documents** as proof of fulfilling all above criteria

6. Licentiate

- i. at least 21 years of age and
- ii. a. that he possesses a B.Sc. Special Degree in any field of Biology from a recognized university OR
b. that he possesses a pass in the Institute Paper II (Upper level) Examination OR
c. that he has such qualifications and/or experience in the field of Biology as acceptable to the Council.
- iii. provide **certified copies of educational qualifications and other documents** as proof of fulfilling all above criteria

7. **Affiliate**

- i. at least 21 years of age, and either
- ii. a. that he possesses a B.Sc. General Degree with at least one subject in any field of Biology from a recognized University OR
b. that he has such qualifications and/or experience in the field of Biology acceptable to the Council OR
c. possesses a pass in the Institute part I (Lower level) Examination
- iii. provide **certified copies of educational qualifications and other documents** as proof of fulfilling all above criteria

8. **Student Member**

- i. is a registered undergraduate offering any subject in the field of Biology in a recognized University.
- ii. that he passed such qualifying examinations or sections of examinations as are acceptable to the Council.
- iii. shall provide **certification of his student status by the Head of Department of the relevant University.**

9. **A Corporation Member** shall be a public or private corporation engaged in the application of Biology, as acceptable to the Council.

Application procedure

- a. Application for membership shall be on a form prescribed by the Council. The applications forms can be downloaded from the IOB website (<http://www.iobsl.org/>). Completed application forms along with certified copies of educational certificates etc. should be sent to

**The Secretary,
Institute of Biology,
'Vidya Mandiraya',
120/10,
Wijerama Mawatha,
Colombo 7**

- b. The Council may require any candidate for membership to any category to attend an interview in order that the candidate may better satisfy the Council that he possesses the requisite qualifications.
- c. Membership will come to effect only after the payment (if any) of the membership fee, or annual subscription is made. Applicants whose applications have been approved by the Council will be informed of the necessary payments (see below for subscription rates and how to pay) and of the date of awarding the certificate of membership (usually at the next Annual General Meeting of the Institute).
- d. Every person elected as a member to any of the categories of the Institute shall at all times so order his conduct as to uphold the dignity and reputation of the profession and to safeguard the public interest. He

shall exercise his professional skill and judgment to the best of his ability and discharge his professional responsibilities with integrity.

- e. If the membership is terminated by the Council then the member shall forfeit all privileges of membership.

Subscriptions

- a. The annual subscriptions, applications, transfers, and entrance fees of Corporate and Non- Corporate members shall be at rates fixed by the Council from time to time and confirmed by the Corporate Members at a general meeting

Current rates (as of 05 March 2012) for the membership fees are as follows;

Category : **Members** of the Institute

Life Membership fee	Rs. 2500.00
Annual subscription fee	Rs. 300.00

Category : **Associate/ Licentiate/ Student Members** of the Institute

Annual subscription fee	Rs. 300.00
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- b. Honorary Fellows / Fellows shall not be called upon to pay any fees.
- c. Payments should be made to the **Treasurer, Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka**. Cheques should be drawn in favour of the **Institute of Biology**, should be crossed and mailed under registered cover to the Treasurer.
- d. All annual subscriptions for any year shall be payable on the 1st of October of that year.
- e. If any member allows his subscription to be in arrears for over one year from the date on which payment is due, and shall fail to pay such arrears, his name shall be struck off the Roll unless the council shall otherwise decide, and he shall deliver to the Council any Certificate of Membership that is held by him.