

Application for Member level

FURTHER INFORMATION TO SUPPORT APPLICANTS WITH COMPLETING THE MEMBER LEVEL APPLICATION – SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES

The member application allows you to demonstrate the breadth and depth of your professional asbestos assessment & management practice and to show how you have developed your skills and enhanced your knowledge of the subject at a professional level. The section also allows you to demonstrate your understanding of the application of ethical principles in your professional practice.

It is critical for Member level, that the applicant is able demonstrate that they are working at a professional level and are still active at this level. Job roles will vary from applicant to applicant and will include those in industry, consultancy, regulatory, research and academia etc. However, in whatever role, the applicant will be operating in a professional/managerial role such that they have progressed beyond testing/analysis etc., and are capable of interpreting legislation, resolving issues and developing control strategies etc.

Selecting appropriate projects/examples

In completing the specific project or activities part of the application, you will be asked to provide 5 specific examples of projects or activities in which you have been involved. These might include;

- An asbestos management strategy/plan or a review of the same. This must not be a standard document but one produced bespoke for the dutyholder, whether as an employee or consultant of the dutyholder.
- An investigation report with regard to an asbestos incident or failure in a control/management system. This must demonstrate adequate planning of the investigation, good technical skills in execution, a thorough and valid interpretation of results, and the proposition of valid and practical risk control/remediation measures.
- A report dealing with exposure to asbestos and the assessment of risk, including a review of measured and/or published exposure data. The measured data may have been collected by others but the applicant should show how this data and/or published data assists with an understanding of the matter, balancing and explaining if necessary with statistical analysis, the different data sources. From this, the report should provide an understanding and proper communication of risk, albeit not as a medical report may do.
- An expert report, with regard to a criminal or civil matter, for example, a personal injury claim (asbestosis, pleural thickening, asbestos-related lung cancer or mesothelioma) or an allegation of poor practice, such as with regard to land contamination, asbestos surveying, asbestos removal and asbestos disturbance etc. A good report will give detailed background information on the circumstances giving rise to the alleged disease or issue (e.g. poor alleged surveying practice), a clear analysis of the issues involved, a summary of the publicly available information on the topic and any relevant legal requirements, and the author's opinion on the salient matters of the case. Such a report does not necessarily have had to be used in subsequent legal proceedings.

- A paper for a peer reviewed journal, with regard to any technical or professional asbestos related matter.
- Guidance documents, whether governmental, trade association or in-house.

Additional information

- The above list is not restrictive and the applicant can provide any report / document of a professional nature, such as articles for journals, the development/review of quality control systems, internal reviews or research reports and original literature reviews etc. It is fundamental that the submission demonstrates that the applicant has been operating at a professional level for the desired period and is able to analyse, resolve and communicate issues.
- The submission should not include basic asbestos survey and analytical reports, although an 'asbestos survey' report will be accepted if this is not a standard report but the result of a detailed investigation. The report should again demonstrate a proper analysis and presentation of the findings and not simply a presentation of test results. FAAM is not seeking to determine that all applicants report in the same way or deal with/resolve matters in the same way but that they operate with professional ability in interpreting legislation, resolving issues, developing control strategies etc.
- The applicant does not need to provide examples of each category but a maximum of 3 reports, of the same/similar type, will be accepted. It is important that the applicant shows a breadth and depth of professional experience.
- The report should be the applicants own work. However, reports will be accepted where the applicant is a co-author / contributor, providing the applicant can demonstrate that they provided a significant contribution to the work.
- Each item should have an explanatory statement included in this application form. The statement enables the applicant to set out how the actions described in project/activity demonstrated their professional competence. This statement should be no more than 200 words in length.
- There is no defined age that denotes a report as recent or as old. However, as a rough guide, we want to see reports that have been completed within the last 5 years, although some can be older. If the applicant has not produced a report for the last 5 years, then this should be identified with an explanation. Older reports may be included or as statement included regarding the work, particularly where access to the report itself is no longer available.
- Reports etc., can be provided in a redacted format.

Formatting the supporting documents

The supporting documents should be provided in electronic format, into either a Microsoft Word or a PDF document.