

Notice of rule change proposal re Rule 27 Proposal of Candidates for Membership

The Federal Executive has authorised that the following rule change proposal be submitted to Federal Council members for consideration. Under rule 38(iii), 60 days notice must be given for any such proposals. This is to give you that notice. The proposal is as follows:

“That the existing rule 27 be deleted and replaced with the following:

27 - PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

- (i) A Candidate for membership shall be informed, in writing, of:
 - (a) the financial obligations arising from membership; and
 - (b) the provisions of Rule 31 which provide the circumstances, and the manner, in which a member may resign from the Institute.
- (ii) A candidate must be proposed and seconded by two financial members, complete and sign the Proposition Form, provide copies of qualifications and pay the Entrance Fee and contributions as required by Rule 28 prior to their admission. Admission will be considered by a Branch Meeting.
- (iii) Pending their application coming before a Branch Meeting, Candidates for membership, if considered duly qualified and who have paid the Entrance Fee, shall be granted provisional membership of the Institute.
- (iv) If any question arises as to the right of admission to membership of a candidate because of the question as to the candidate's qualifications as required by these Rules, or for any other reason whatsoever, three (3) or more members who have voted against the admission of such candidate to membership shall have the right to immediately state their objections to the admission of such candidate to the meeting, and shall have the right to appeal against the admission of such candidate to membership through the Branch to Federal Council and the Federal Council may in its absolute discretion uphold or reject such appeal.
- (v) The Branch Secretary shall forward to the Federal President the appeal signed by the objecting members together with the relevant facts and all documents appertaining to the application for membership and objection thereto. The decision of the Branch to admit such candidate to membership shall be suspended pending the decision of the Federal Council on any such appeal.