

# AMENDMENTS: BYE-LAW 1: MEMBERS

This document highlights the main changes made to the Members Bye-Law effective from 1 January 2024.



Council has approved a revision of the Members Bye-Law during the Council meeting held on 12 December 2023. The previous version of the Bye-Law has been superseded with this version.

## General

This Bye-Law has been renamed to “Members and Member Firms” as the Institute is extending its membership to firms as approved by Members during the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Consequently, the Bye-Law has been sub-divided into two parts – part one dealing with individual members and part two dealing with firm members. Also the term “person” in Part I has been replaced by the term “individual”.

## Article 1 – Interpretation and Definitions

- (a) Revised the Article’s title to “Interpretation and Definitions”.
- (b) Included the following disclaimer: “For the purposes of this Bye-Law, words importing the masculine gender only, include the feminine or neuter genders, or vice versa”.
- (c) In view of (b) above, the term “he/she” was changed to “he” and the term “his/her” was changed to “his”.
- (d) Introduced a definition of Disciplinary Proceedings.

## Article 3.4 – Advancement as a fellow member of the Institute

- (a) Clarified that the Member must be of good standing.

## Article 6 – Directory

- (a) Clarified that the Members’ Directory includes details of any disciplinary action taken by the Institute against the Member.

## Article 10 – Fees and subscription fees

- (a) Article was updated as follows (changes in blue):

*“A Member who fails to settle dues within ten (10) months from the original due date shall have his membership revoked. Such revocation requires the individual to return any documents pertaining to membership as stipulated in article 14 of this Bye-Law. The name of any member whose membership has been revoked in terms of this article and who fails to abide by the obligations stipulated in article 14 of this Bye-Law will be divulged to Council for any necessary action in terms of article 8.1 of the Statute.”*

## Article 13 – Resignation from membership

- (a) Introduced the proviso (noted in blue).

*“Any Member may tender his/her resignation from membership in writing and shall return any documents pertaining to membership as stipulated in Article 14.*

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*Provided that, should a Member tender his resignation in the course of Disciplinary Proceedings instituted against him in terms of Bye-Law 3 (Disciplinary Proceedings), such resignation shall have effect upon the conclusion of such proceedings."*

### Article 14 – Obligations related to cessation of membership

- (a) Introduced the clause (noted in blue).

*"An individual who ceases to be a Member, either due to resignation or otherwise, shall be required to return to the Institute every certificate of membership issued to him during the membership term along with any other documents pertaining to membership. Should an individual neglect or refuse to return any of the aforementioned certificates or documents, the Institute may take any necessary action for its/their recovery. An affidavit is to be presented when the certificates of membership have been lost or destroyed.*

*Should publication take place in terms of article 8.1 of the Statute, the publicised information shall remain so published until such time as the Member complies with the obligations stipulated in the above sub-paragraph."*

### Article 17 – Honorary Members

- (a) This Article was updated in line with the changes approved to the Statute by Members during the 2023 AGM.

### Part II

- (a) Introduced Part II of this Bye-Law dedicated to Member Firms.