



AIAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Why join?

Peak Industry Body

The Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology (AIAS) is the peak industry body for agricultural and natural resource management professionals. AIAS is committed to advancing the profession, and the application of science and technology, for the sustainable development of agriculture and natural resource management in Australia.

Future Challenges

Over the years AIAS has not only championed the profession but played an active role in preparing agricultural and natural resource management professionals for future challenges. **AgCredited[®]** and **EnviroCredited[®]** ensures that the skills of accredited professionals are current and meet national industry standards.

Networks & Information

With members working across all sectors of the industry Australia-wide, membership of the AIAS will expand your professional network; enhance knowledge sharing through the on-line forum, workshops & State Division events; and keep you informed on current issues, industry news and scientific papers through the Agricultural Science Journal and the Weekly Alert.

It also provides social contact opportunities for geographically dispersed members.

Policy

Never has agriculture needed a strong, informed and balanced voice as it does today. With over 1000 members nationally, their ideas and feedback allows the AIAS to contribute a balanced perspective to government on important and topical issues.

AIAS also continues to make important contributions to public policy and to the debate on key issues such as:

- The need for increased agricultural training at all levels
- The future of agricultural R&D in Australia
- Genomics and the place of GM's
- Regional Communication
- Biosecurity in Australia
- Farmer response to Climate Change and the impact of Emissions Trading.

In all of these AIAS provides a scientific, objective approach.

Professional Benefits

- **Reputation** - enhance your reputation by adopting the AIAS Code of Ethics.
- **Risk Management** - Minimise your consulting risk through the AIAS Group Professional Indemnity Insurance Scheme.
- **Professional Development** - update your skills through conferences and workshops conducted at regional and capital city locations and receive discounted registration fees.
- **Industry Credentials** - develop your skills base and become recognised through one of the professional accreditation programs offered – **CPAg[®]**, **AgCredited[®]** and **EnviroCredited[®]**.
- **Networking** - expand your professional contacts by becoming part of national and local networks with over 1,000 professionals.
- **Special Interest Groups** - join the specialist consultants group AAAC[#] (Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants) or one of a number of Special Interest Groups.
- **Policy** - participate in the development of policies affecting agriculture and natural resource management.
- **Representation** - represent members and colleagues on Board, Divisions, Committees and Special Interest Groups.

Communication

- **Weekly Alert** - a weekly snapshot of industry issues, events & opportunities sent via email to members.
- **Agricultural Science Journal** - complimentary subscription to the official scientific journal of the AIAS.
- **Website** - access to the Members Only section of the website and the *Members Forum*.
- **State Divisions** - participate in Division meetings and networking events & functions.
- **CSIRO Online Journal Subscriptions** - discounted rates are available to AIAS members.

[#] Must be a financial member of the AIAS to apply for AAAC membership.

[®] Must meet criteria before accreditation will be granted.

Financial Benefits

- Competitive and discounted rates on professional indemnity insurance cover.
- Discounted registration fees for AIAS and AAAC professional development activities¹.
- Discounted rates for online CSIRO journal subscriptions.

**JOINING THE AIAS IS A POSITIVE MOVE FOR YOUR CAREER
AND A POSITIVE MOVE FOR AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURE.**

Membership Application Form

PROF / DR / MR / MRS / MS (Please circle)

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SUBURB _____ STATE _____ POSTCODE _____

GRADUATED FROM _____ YEAR _____

QUALIFICATIONS _____

EMPLOYER _____

WORK ADDRESS _____

SUBURB _____ STATE _____ POSTCODE _____

BUS. PHONE _____ MOBILE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS HOME WORK

Employment Sector

GOVERNMENT

EDUCATION

CONSULTING

AGRIBUSINESS

RETIRED

STUDENT

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

CV ATTACHED

Employment Status

FULLTIME

PARTTIME

Professional Indemnity Insurance

DO YOU HAVE P.I COVER? YES NO

ARE YOU AN AIAST P.I. SCHEME MEMBER? YES NO

Application Fee

A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$44 (INCLUDING GST) APPLIES FOR EACH APPLICATION.

Credit Card Details for payment of Application fee:

Visacard

Mastercard

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____ 3-Digit CCV Number: _____

Declaration

I REQUEST ADMISSION TO AIAST AS A MEMBER AND DECLARE THAT IF ACCEPTED I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND CODE OF ETHICS OF THE AIAST.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Membership Criteria

Membership is open to any person who:

1. Holds an appropriate qualification in agriculture and/or natural resource management; OR
2. Has achieved professional status and a position of professional responsibility through a combination of post-secondary education and a minimum of ten years practical experience in agriculture and/or natural resource management.

How to Join

You can apply for membership of the AIAST by:

- Completing this application form and returning it, together with your CV, to the AIAST by post, fax or email.
- On-line at our website www.aiast.com.au

If you require further information, please contact the AIAST National Office on 02 6163 8122 or by email to members@aiast.com.au

2010 Membership Fees

Membership fees cover the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010. Pro-rated fees are applicable for new members who join throughout the year. The applicable pro-rated membership fee will be advised upon approval of your application.

Membership fees may be tax deductible. Please consult your accountant or taxation consultant for further information.

Membership Category 2010 Annual Fee

AIAST Full Member	\$407.00
AIAST Concessional	\$203.50
AIAST 1 st Year Graduate*	\$203.50
AIAST Student*	\$0.00
AAAC Membership [#]	\$99.00
CPAg [@]	\$55.00

(All prices include GST)

*Eligibility for these categories is subject to Terms & Conditions.

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Application Process

- Submit Application (ensure you complete the checklist & include Credit Card details for the \$44 Application Fee).
- Application will be sent to the AIAST Membership Committee for approval.
- Once your application is approved, you will be sent an invoice.
- On payment of the invoice your application will be finalised and you will be sent a new membership pack together with your membership certificate.

Return Details

PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL DETAILS AND SEND THIS FORM AND A CURRENT CV TO:

Postal address: AIAST, PO Box 130, CURTIN ACT 2605
Phone: (02) 6163 8122, Fax:(02).6163 8133,
Email: members@aiast.com.au