

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

1. GRADES OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 17 of the Chemists Act reads as follows:

17. (1) Membership of the Institute shall be one of three grades, namely **Fellow**, **Member**, and **Licentiate**.
- (2) A person shall, before admission as a **Fellow**, satisfy the Council that he has—
 - (a) a degree or any equivalent academic qualification, in chemistry or in any specialized discipline associated with chemistry from one of the examinations listed in the Second Schedule;
 - (b) practical experience in chemistry of not less than ten years;
 - (c) made a substantial contribution to chemistry; and
 - (d) attained thirty-three years of age or such lesser age as the Council may, in any special case, allow.
- (3) A person shall, before admission as a **Member**, satisfy the Council that he has—
 - (a) a degree or any equivalent academic qualification, in chemistry or in any specialized discipline associated with chemistry from one of the examinations listed in the Second Schedule;
 - (b) practical experience in chemistry of not less than three years for a degree or its equivalent or not less than one year for a masters or higher degree or its equivalent; and
 - (c) attained twenty-one years of age.
- (4) A person shall, before admission as a **Licentiate**, satisfy the Council that he has—
 - (a) a degree or any equivalent academic qualification, in chemistry or in any specialized discipline associated with chemistry from one of the examinations listed in the Second Schedule;
 - (b) practical experience in chemistry of not less than one year for a degree or its equivalent; and
 - (c) attained twenty-one years of age.

2. **QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS (SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE CHEMISTS ACT)**

The qualifying examinations of the Institute are:

1. The final examinations of the Institute.
2. Any examination anywhere or part thereof recognized by the Government, after consultation with the Institute, as being equivalent to or higher than the final examinations of the Institute.

3. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RETENTION**

Rule 5 of the Chemists Rules 2024 (effective 5 June 2024) reads as follows:

5. (1) Every application for retention of membership in register shall be made to the Council in any manner and form determined by the Council and accompanied by a retention of membership fee of one hundred ringgit **on or before 31 January of the said year.**

(2) If the application for the retention of membership made **after 31 January of the said year**, an additional **processing fee of fifty ringgit shall be imposed.**

(3) The retention of membership certificate shall be in a manner and form determined by the Council.

(4) Where no application for retention of membership made by the member **before 30 June of the said year**, his name will be **removed** from the register.

(5) The Council may, on a written request, reduce or waive of retention of membership fee for a period of twelve months or more under circumstances of such member is pursuing education within or outside the country or for any other reason as the Council thinks necessary.

(6) The Council **may waive** a retention of membership fee for any member who is **over the age of sixty and has been a member for a continuous period of not less than fifteen years.**