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# **An Appeal**

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## **FROM MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Members,

As you are aware that requisite qualification, experience etc. for different categories are as follows :

**CRITERIA** : There are four different categories of individual membership depending upon the candidates qualifications, experience, age, position in the field of Welding are as follows :

**FELLOW** : He shall be a person of age over 40 years, must have been an individual member of the Institute for a period of at least 10 years out of which 3 years as a MEMBER. He should have been engaged for a sufficient period (not less than 15 years) in an important position of technical or scientific responsibility in relation to the use of welding or its allied subjects. In exceptional cases, at the discretion of the Council, direct Fellowship may be awarded (FOR FELLOWSHIP PLEASE ASK FOR SEPARATE APPLICATION FORM).

**MEMBER** : He shall be an Engineering Graduate and must have atleast 5 yrs experience in the Welding field.  
or  
a Diploma holder having minimum 10 years' experience and must be over 35 years.  
or  
an Associate Member of the Institute for a minimum period of 10 years'

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER** : He shall be an Engineering Graduate and interested in Welding Technology  
or  
a Diploma holder having minimum 5 years' experience  
or  
a person who has passed AME (IIW) Examinations of the Institute  
or  
a person who has passed School Final/Higher Secondary Examination and holding a supervisor position in the Management of Welding Technology for at least 10 years and just over 25 years of age.

**ASSOCIATE** : He shall be a person skill in the art of welding and does not fall in to any of the above category.

Many of you may find that you are already eligible for up-gradation in the membership category. Our earnest request to eligible ones is to apply for upgradation immediately. Membership application form, printed in this journal may please be utilised for this purpose. Kindly note that the application form for Fellow is different. We shall request each member who has not converted his/her membership to Life Membership should consider to do so. For the members this conversion eliminates the problem of remembering Membership renewal date in their usually too busy schedule and also the burden of posting the cheque in time. From the Institute's point of view this will eliminate a lot of administrative burden and problems.

Membership Sub-Committee's service will be readily available to you in case you need any guidance or assistance.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

**R. R. Bhattacharjee**

Chairman-Membership Sub-Committee