

**Memorandum of Understanding – Mutual Recognition Agreement
Between
The Society of Biology and The College of Applied Biology**

Whereas both parties

- are charged with the regulation of practitioners of professional biology and as such maintain and apply stringent entrance and continued membership standards suitable for meeting a professional standard in applied biology, and
- hold members accountable for their professional conduct and practice, and
- have an interest in promoting and ensuring the practice of applied biology at a consistently high professional level,

The parties wish to enter into a Mutual Recognition Agreement whereby each organization will offer expedited registration process to certain members of each organization as set out below:

Society of Biology

The Society of Biology will register those College of Applied Biology Registered Professional Biologists in the Chartered Biologist category who, on application, provide the following:

- A declaration from the applicant as to whether the applicant gained membership in the College by way of direct application, or via TILMA
- A signed Professional Attributes Portfolio statement
 - o The statement must be signed by a member in good standing of the College of Applied Biology who is in the Registered Professional Biologist category
 - o Where the applicant gained College membership by way of direct application, the statement will stand on its face and will not be required to be accompanied by any additional material
 - o Where the applicant gained College membership by way of TILMA, the applicant may be asked to submit information in support of the Professional Attributes Portfolio Statement
- A signed statement from the Registrar of the College of Applied Biology indicating the individual is a member in good standing with the College in the Registered Professional Biologist category
- A signed application form with all required fees and/or charges paid in full

College of Applied Biology

The College of Applied Biology will register those Society of Biology Chartered Biologists in the Registered Professional Biologist category who, on application, provide the following:

- A declaration from the applicant that education used to achieve membership with the Society of Biology met or exceeded the criteria for QAA-FHEQ level 6
- Documentation of a professional level report in applied biology
 - o In the case of a Master or PhD Thesis used to meet this requirement, the abstract (in English) and the signoff page must be provided
 - o All other reports must be provided in full, in English, and must demonstrate the attributes set out on the Professional Report Worksheet which is also to be provided. Where all attributes are present in 1 report, only 1 is required; up to 3 reports can be filed to demonstrate the attributes
- A signed Indictable Offence Declaration
- A signed statement from the Registrar of the Society of Biology indicating the individual is a member in good standing with the Society of Biology in the Chartered Biologist Category
- A signed application form with all required fees and/or charges paid in full

General Terms

- In meeting the terms associated with this agreement each organization will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure any mutually recognised member meets the requirements of this understanding and shall not be held responsible or have liability in any way for the actions of those members within the other organisation's jurisdiction.
- In its initial stages, this agreement may be implemented in a transitional manner.
- This Agreement will come into effect from 1 August 2011 and the initial term will expire on 31 July 2012. The Agreement will then continue on an annual basis unless cancelled in writing by either party at least 90 days before the expiry date

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