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QLD ARBORICULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC.

Re: New Membership Category for Qualified Members

Dear Member,

The Queensland Arboricultural Association Inc. (QAA) has long maintained the commitment to being an organisation that is open to all people that work within our industry or just have an interest in trees. In this regard, the QAA have always sought to be inclusive rather than exclusive so that we are able to communicate matters that affect or help develop our industry more effectively.

The Queensland Arboricultural Association Inc. (QAA) is in the process of creating another category of membership that acknowledges those member's efforts in becoming qualified. This new category shall be referred to as the 'Qualified Membership Category'.

This new category may also be linked to another new initiative of the QAA, namely, the Register of Arboricultural Contractors and Consultants that we are working to introduce soon. If you have any questions or comments please email qaa.net@bigpond.net.au. Closing date for feedback is the 23rd of November 2009.

Qualified Members: Current Application Criteria

The entry level qualification has been set at an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 3 or equivalent or above and applicants will be required to produce evidence of their qualification/s and an indication of the duration and type of experience. Applicants will also need to have at least two years post-qualification experience.

The additional cost of this category of membership will be \$65.00 more per year on a General Membership totaling \$260.00 and will be available from June 2010, at renewal time. Qualified Members will receive a new sticker for vehicle use. This sticker will state 'Qualified Member' and will be different to the 'General Member' sticker. New pens will also be issued. 'Qualified Members' will be listed in a separately in the QAA office.

It is important to note that it shall be a requirement for the new Qualified Members Category and the Register of Arboricultural Contractors and Consultants that any applicant will be required to acknowledge that the criteria for both schemes will be subject to change in the future as the criteria rises to align with similar standards that other related national and international bodies require.

Yours sincerely,

The QAA Team.



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