



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HYDROLOGY FACT SHEET

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WHAT IT IS...

The American Institute of Hydrology (AIH) was formed in 1981 as a non-profit scientific and educational organization whose purpose is to enhance and strengthen the standing of hydrology as a science and a profession. AIH is the only nationwide organization to offer certification to professionals in all fields of hydrology.

WHAT IT DOES...

The American Institute of Hydrology establishes standards and procedures to certify individuals qualified in hydrology and hydrogeology. AIH establishes and maintains ethical standards to protect the public from irresponsible and non-professional practices. Its educational programs and services are designed to improve the professional skills and abilities of its members, the professional community and the public-at-large. AIH holds meetings, conducts short courses and workshops and produces publications.

WHO BELONGS...

Membership into the American Institute of Hydrology consists of more than 1,000 professional hydrologists and hydrogeologists, associate and hydrology-in-training members, student members – both in the United States and abroad. Professional members are individuals and corporations that meet the educational, professional experience, publications and professional conduct requirements, as prescribed by its Board of Registration.

WHY JOIN...

Certification into the AIH assures the public and community-at-large recognition of professional competence in hydrology or hydrogeology. The Board of Registration for the Institute consists of nationally recognized and respected scientists and professionals who thoroughly scrutinize each applicant. This certification process is very demanding and surpasses many registration processes.

WHO CAN JOIN...

Every hydrologist who has: 1) graduated from a university with required courses in hydrological sciences, 2) has had five years of professional hydrological experience; 3) has produced published results of a hydrologic nature; 4) provide references to attest to the qualifications, integrity and professional conduct, can join AIH. Eligible applicants are admitted upon review and approval by the Board of Registration, and maybe required to take a written examination.

Applicants that do not completely meet the experience and publication requirements of a Professional Hydrologist, can become an Associate Member, Hydrologist-In-Training (H-I-T) until they has successfully attained the experience and/or passed the required exam(s). Corporations, Affiliates and other Institutional memberships are also available.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS...

Peer recognition of professional competence in hydrology or hydrogeology. Approved applicants become members and are issued a Certificate of Registration. The membership is renewed annually; and recertification is required every fifth year of your membership. Members are published in the AIH Registry and may request to have this information on the Institute's web site (www.aihydro.org). Members can purchase a professional seal to use on all documents prepared by them or under their control. All members receive the quarterly newsletter, the Bulletin, filled with newsworthy articles and upcoming hydrologic programs and events. Members realize discounts on all AIH publications and on the registration fees for AIH meetings, short courses and workshops.

WHAT DOES IT COST...

Various fees are assessed to cover administrative and operational expenses to process applications, administering exams, issuing certificates and seals. All members are required to pay annual dues to keep their certification valid. A subscription to the AIH Bulletin newsletter and a copy of the Registry is included in the annual fees.

Description	Rate
Professional Membership	\$ 150/year
Emeritus	\$ 75/year
HIT Membership	\$ 100/year
Hydrologic Technician Membership	\$ 90/year
Associate Member	\$ 35/year
Application for Certification	\$ 100

WHERE TO APPLY...

For eligibility requirements and the application form, please contact the AIH office at the following address, or through the AIH Website:

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