

Executive Summary: Proposed EIANZ Rules Changes 2025

Overview

The proposed Rules amendments, reviewed and approved by Counsel Assisting, modernise operations and enhance governance whilst maintaining core Association principles.

Key Change Categories

1. Modernisation

Administrative updates including electronic signatures, online meeting capabilities, updated terminology (e.g., "annual subscription" to "membership fee"), and removal of outdated references like facsimile transmission.

2. Enhanced Procedural Fairness

Material changes to disciplinary processes:

- Extended timeframes: notice periods increased from 28 to 42 days, appeal periods from 7 to 42 days
- Renamed "Disciplinary Action" to "Disciplinary Investigation" to reflect presumption of innocence
- Board may appoint independent legal/technical support
- Association may publish outcomes after appeal periods expire

3. Expanded Certification Framework

Significant structural change:

- Broadened from single CEnvP scheme to multiple "Certification and Accreditation Schemes"
- Formally established Qualifications Accreditation Scheme
- Independent subsidiary Boards (5-7 members) govern schemes
- Separate financial operations with Board oversight



4. Governance Improvements

Board composition clarified, streamlined financial processes, and rolling membership renewals replacing fixed financial year renewals.

5. Organisational Structure

Added coordinating role for the environment profession, enabled Divisions to create local Branches, and broadened professional development activities.

Member Impact

Most changes improve operational efficiency without affecting day-to-day membership. Key member-facing changes include acknowledging rolling annual renewals, enhanced procedural fairness in disciplinary matters, and improved online meeting capabilities.

Timeline: Changes take effect upon member approval.

