



# Fellowship & Professional Regulations

## RULES FOR CANDIDATE FELLOWS

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### 1 OBJECTIVE

To ensure that the process for the nomination and election of Candidate Fellows is carried out and that their privileges are defined in accordance with the requirements of Clause 2.16-2.18 of the Bye-Laws.

### 2 SCOPE

This Regulation covers the actions and responsibilities of the Membership Office and Council in receiving and processing applications for admission as Candidate Fellows.

### 3 RELATED REGULATIONS

Reference should be made to the following related Regulations:

- FP-01: Nomination and Election of Fellows
- FP-07: Codes of Conduct
- FP-09: Subscriptions and Fees

### 4 DEFINITIONS

A **Candidate Fellow** is normally a person who is registered as a student undertaking a course leading to a degree in geology or a related subject, or is a person in secondary education who is studying subjects that could lead to qualifications appropriate for subsequent entry to read for a degree in geology or a related subject, and has been elected as a Candidate Fellow by the Society.

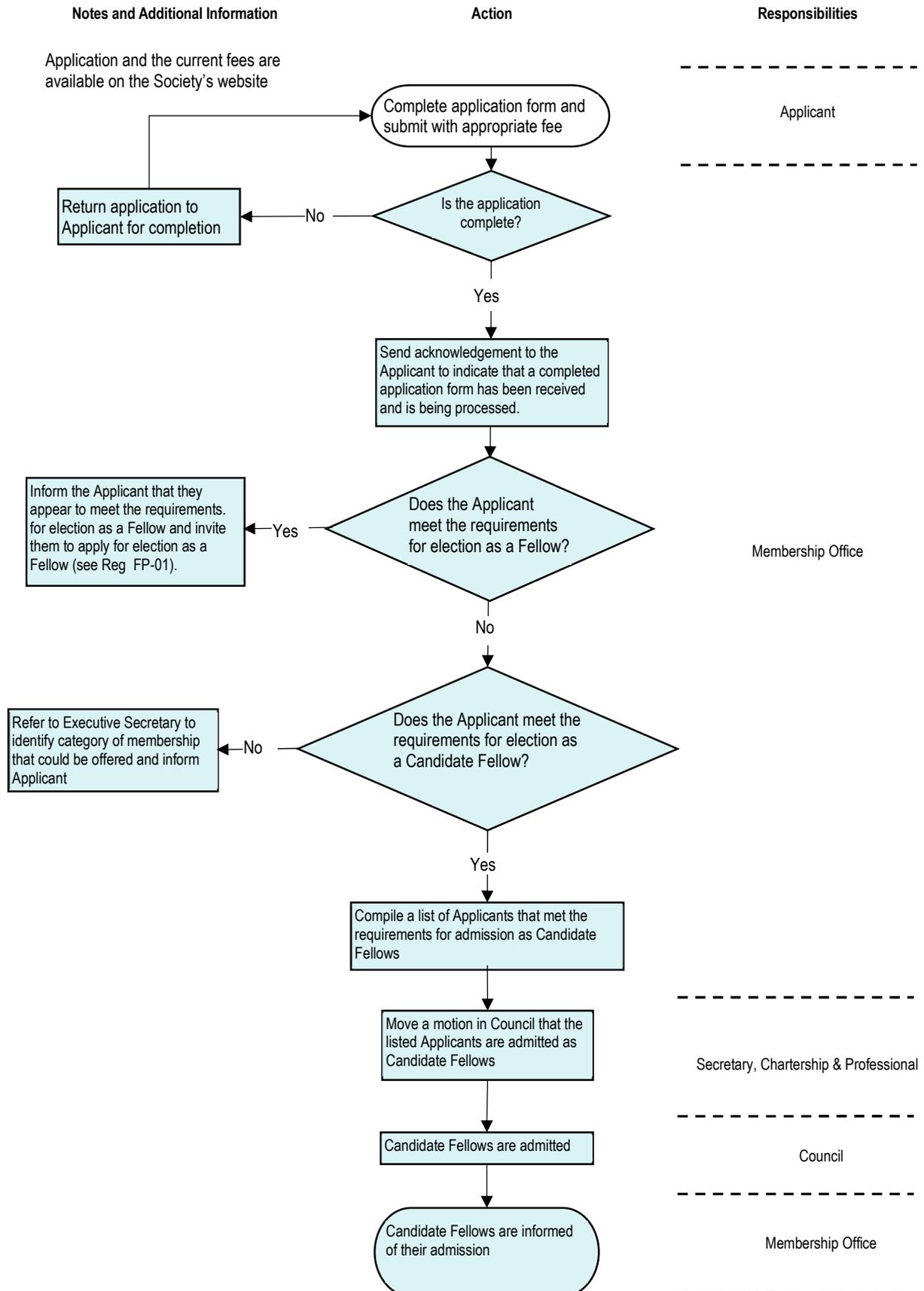
### 5 CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION AS A CANDIDATE FELLOW

To be elected as a Candidate Fellow, the candidate shall either:

- i) be registered as a student for a degree at Honours (H) level, Master's (M) level or Doctorate (D) level awarded by a university or institution of higher education subject to the period of study leading to the degree satisfying the following requirements:
  - a) at least 25% of the course content is comprised of geological/earth science-based subjects;  
or
  - b) if less than 25% of the course content is comprised of geological /earth science-based subjects, the applicant for election as a Candidate Fellow shall demonstrate an interest in earth sciences.
- or:
- ii) be a student in secondary education who is studying subjects that could lead to qualifications appropriate for subsequent entry to read for a degree in geology or a related subject at a university of institution of higher education; and demonstrate an interest in geology.

6 PROCEDURE

6.1 Election of Candidate Fellows

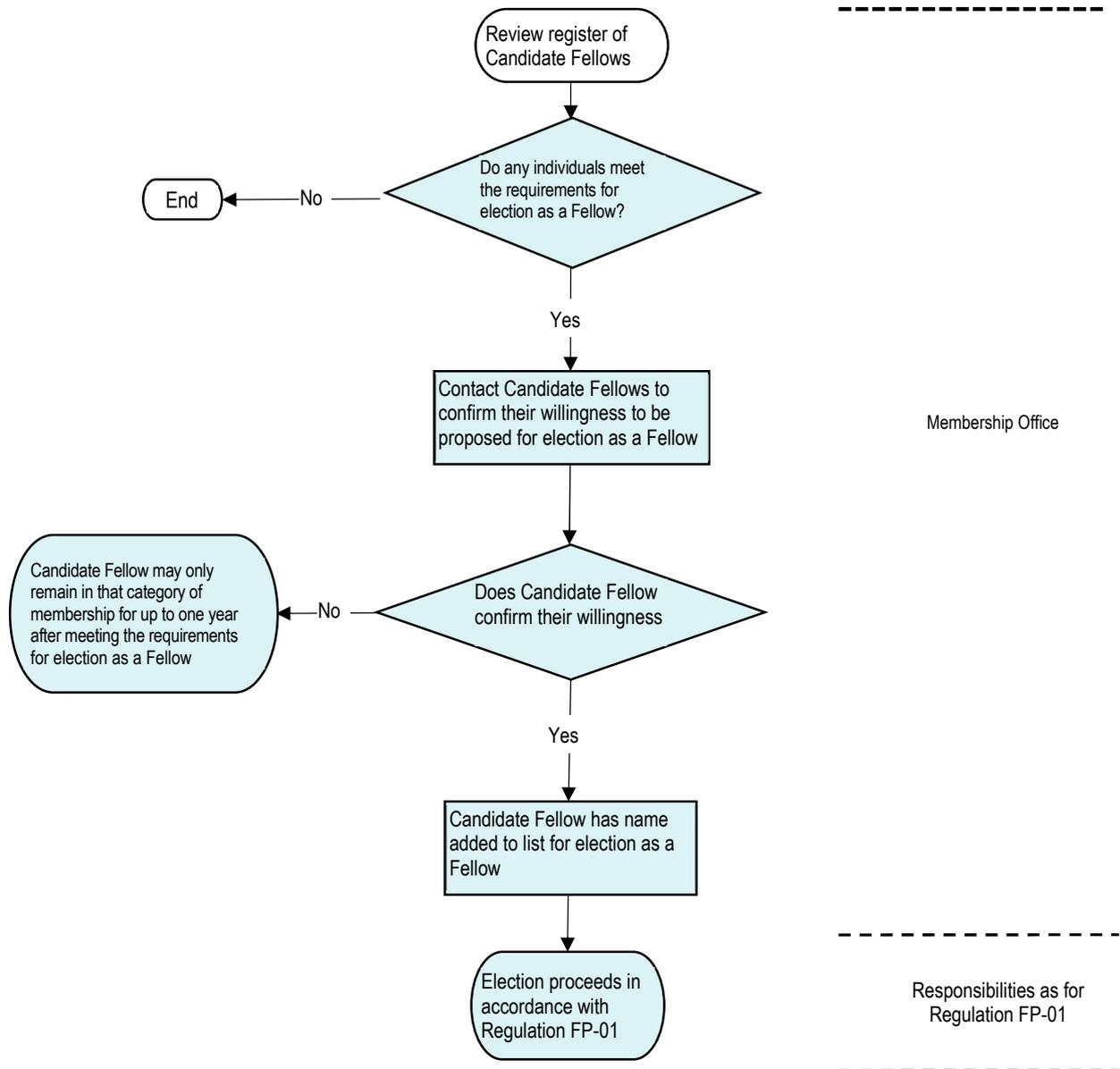


## 6.2 Review of Register of Candidate Fellows

Notes and Additional Information

Action

Responsibilities



## 7 PRIVILEGES

Subject to having paid the annual subscription to the Society, as laid down in the Regulations (FP-09 Subscriptions), Candidate Fellows will be entitled to receive the following privileges:

- i) a copy of the magazine *Geoscientist*;
- ii) online access to the Society's journals;
- iii) free online access to the Book Archive (GSL books published prior to the current plus three prior years). For an additional fee Fellows may subscribe to the Full Book Collection which includes all new and recent GSL online books;
- iv) use of the Geological Society Library;
- v) membership of Regional and Specialist Groups and access to their meetings; and
- vi) reduced charges for publications and meeting registration fees.

Candidate Fellows may attend General Meetings of the Society but may not vote. Candidate Fellows may not propose new Fellows.

## 8 PROGRESSION

Candidate Fellows may only remain within these categories of membership for the period of time that they satisfy the criteria defined in Section 4 of this Regulation.

Within one year of a Candidate Fellow meeting the requirements for election as a Fellow of the Society (Regulation FP-01 Nomination and Election of a New Fellow) a Candidate Fellow will be invited to confirm their willingness to be proposed for election as a Fellow of the Society, subject to them not being in arrears with their subscriptions.

A Candidate Fellow who meets the requirements for election as a Fellow may not remain as a Candidate Fellow for more than one subscription year from the time of meeting the requirements for being elected as a Fellow of the Society (Bye-law 2.16). A Candidate Fellow may not remain in this category for more than 6 years.

## 9 RESPONSIBILITIES

Candidate Fellows will be bound by the Codes of Conduct (Regulation FP-07).

## 10 RECORDS

The Membership Office is responsible for:

- i) maintaining the following records:
  - a) a list of applicants for admission as Candidate Fellows who meet the requirements for admission and whose names are being presented to Council;
  - b) a list of Candidate Fellows admitted to the Society with dates of their admission, address, qualifications and areas of interest; and
- ii) identifying Candidate Fellows who are eligible for nomination for election as a new Fellow, notifying the Candidate Fellow, obtaining the appropriate proof of qualifying degree and/or

relevant experience and obtaining the agreement of the Candidate Fellow for putting them forward as a candidate for election as a Fellow.

## 11 REVIEW

This Regulation will be reviewed at intervals of not more than three years to ensure that it is still current and fit for purpose.

### Regulation FP-03: Revision History and Triennial Review

Issue Nr	Revision Date	Review Date	Revision / Review Outcome
1	?	28/03/2001	Initial Issue
2	?	?	?
3		?	?
4		23/06/2004	?
5		?	?
6	—	16/06/2010	Title revised to include 'Junior Candidate Fellows' and requirements added into body of Regulation. Need for sponsors deleted. References to ages amended to avoid possible /conflict with age discrimination legislation. Privileges updated. Route and requirements for progression to other grades of membership clarified – <i>but where to place these?</i>
7	—	27/11/2013	Revised version approved by Council
8	—	01/02/2017	Revised version approved by Council
9	22/09/2021	22/09/2021	Reviewed, reformatted and reset
		Sep 2024	<i>Next review before this date</i>