

MEMBERSHIP GRADES

The Society has three Grades for members:

- Advanced: Experienced photographers.
- Intermediate: Intermediate photographers
- Novice: Beginners

A member will be in the same Grade for both print and digital (projected) entries.

The grading system allows salon judges to offer commentary on images that is appropriate to the experience and expertise of individual photographers. Moving up from one grade to another also allows members to gauge their own progress.

New members will normally start in the Novice Grade, but experienced photographers joining from other clubs or societies will be considered on a case by-case basis for entry at a higher grade.

Progression to the next grade up will usually take place at the end of the year, unless the photographer specifically wishes to move up immediately after acquiring the requisite number of points.

Progression from Novice to Intermediate requires the acquisition of 5 recognition points according to the table below.

Progression from Intermediate to Advanced is dependent on a photographer having accumulated recognition points from a mix of internal success in club salons, and external success through PSNZ supported salons or an International Salon. A total of 15 recognition points must be accumulated, awarded according to the table:

<i>Source of Recognition Points</i>	<i>Points</i>
Highly Commended in an internal KCPS Salon	1
Honours in an internal KCPS Salon	2
Acceptance in a NZ National Competition/Salon under PSNZ auspices (see list at http://photography.org.nz/competitions)	3
Acceptance in an International Salon under FIAP patronage (see http://patronages.fiap.net/salons.html)	5

Points start accumulating from a person's entry at Novice grade, and points for both print and digital images are added into one total per person, continuing over several years till the required total is reached. At least one image must have been accepted for a PSNZ supported national or International competition for progression to Advanced Grade.

The same image can't get more than one lot of recognition points, however, and so if an image has first gained points in a club salon, then is accepted in a national salon, the lower internal point(s) would be deducted, and replaced by the higher points for external.

Please note: These progression points are totally separate from the points gained in each year's series of salons, that are added up to identify end-of-year awards.