

Why Should I Support and Join?

The New Zealand Manufacturers and Exporters Association is an association of manufacturers and exporters that can trace its origins back to 1879. Then and now our efforts are directed on manufacturing and exporting. Our members are the major source of our capability and information and define our focus on improving growth.

The company landscape of New Zealand is made up of small firms; firms of less than 50 people make up around 99% of New Zealand companies. In a busy and time pressured environment, day-to-day events can delay many important but non-urgent issues.

Owners and managers often find it difficult to make the contacts needed to help solve problems and develop a wider support network. Our Association has an extensive network, bringing members together with skills, ideas - a network that really works.

Member benefits are:

Support – from HR Advisors and other members, MEAssist, our 90 day Service Calls, our well qualified list of Associate Members and Staff.

Export Support and Documentation - Certificates of Origin and business improvement planning via the Associations business diagnostic tool or a "Solutions for Progress" problem solving session.

Advice - we offer financial support (grants, equity and loans) for; technology, education, training assistance and business development.

Representation - your views have a platform; you can provide comment for submissions as public policy changes.

Have Your Say - with officials, politicians and other leaders. We arrange regular meetings with policy makers in New Zealand.

Networking - probably the key activity of any Association, your participation in our events will build your network with people who have similar experiences or problems, including some who will have solutions.

Industry Groups - we have a number of groups that are aimed at meeting specific needs: Furniture, Engineers, ESICT, Textiles, Food, Construction Manufacturing and New Product Development.

Awareness and Development - we arrange our programmes to provide the opportunity for members to see many new ideas, and repeat a lot of the old ones. This enables members to decide what ideas are most appropriate or useful for their business.

WebERP – a web-based ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) service that allows growing manufacturers to access the benefits of a professional ERP system, on a very cost effective monthly rental basis, without the need for a large capital outlay.

“Governance only from active involved exporters and manufacturers makes our Association unique in New Zealand”

“Member benefits deliver what you need when you need it”

Membership Cost – a little more than 20% of our current costs are provided from current membership fees; the Mancan Foundation provides the remaining balance that manages the assets of the Association. Membership is a mix of a base fee and a cost per employee. This method was chosen by the Executive as the most equitable way to calculate membership fees.

Awareness - the opportunity to attend member only, free events, with leading speakers on issues of interest to manufacturers and exporters.

You can find a membership fee calculator and more explanation on-line at:

<http://www.mea.org.nz/join/join.aspx>

Be part of the only Association in New Zealand that is exclusively dedicated to serving the needs of manufacturers and exporters.

“The cost of membership is small in comparison to the likely benefit from being part of our community of interest.”