

Co-operation Agreement between the Risk Management Institution of Australasia and the Business Continuity Institute

The Risk Management Institution of Australasia (RMIA) and the Business Continuity Institute (BCI) have finalised a Co-operation Agreement.

RMIA and the BCI are leading organisations in developing risk and business continuity management professionalism.

RMIA has about 1,400 members in Australia, New Zealand and Asia. BCI has more than 2,600 members in over 50 countries. There are clear synergies in areas where the two organisations operate. By exploiting these synergies both organisations believe they will be able to gain mutual benefit. The arrangement between RMIA and BCI is based on the accepted concept of mutual benefit for members of both organisations and developed in a spirit of professionalism and co-operation.

For the information of all members:

Reciprocal membership is offered to members of RMIA and BCI on a concession basis:

Joint membership of BCI

RMIA members can join BCI at Affiliate level at a discounted cost of A\$132, including GST. Annual subscriptions thereafter are at BCI published rates. If an RMIA member wishes to upgrade their BCI membership to a higher level, the full annual subscription as prescribed by the BCI applies. No other fee discounts, offers or adjustments apply. RMIA joint members will get access to the members' only area of the BCI website, www.thebci.org and will enjoy all benefits available to BCI Affiliate members.

Other professional categories of BCI membership, such as Associate Member, Specialist Member, Member or Fellow, are open for application from RMIA members and, in each category BCI will waive the initial application fee. RMIA members joining at those grades pay the appropriate fees direct to the BCI, not through RMIA.

The joining fee is subject to review each June.

Joint membership of RMIA

BCI members can join RMIA as a designated representative at a discounted individual member rate of A\$136.00, including GST. Annual subscriptions thereafter are at RMIA published rates. If a BCI member wishes to upgrade RMIA membership to a higher level, the full annual subscription as prescribed by RMIA applies. No other fee discounts, offers or adjustments apply. BCI designated representatives get access to the members' area of the RMIA website, www.rmia.org.au, and will enjoy all benefits available to designated representatives of RMIA.

Other RMIA categories of membership are open for application from BCI members and, in each membership category, RMIA will waive the current membership application fee. BCI members joining at those grades pay the appropriate fees direct to RMIA, not through the BCI.

Membership rates and joining fees are subject to review each August as part of the membership renewal process.

There are conditions associated with being a designative representative. They are available on the RMIA website. BCI members should be aware of those conditions.

Applications & Joint Fee Collection

Application is via the online application capabilities of each organisation – remember to specify BCI or RMIA on the respective membership application form.

Membership fees will be collected by the respective organisations directly from each applicant by their usual invoicing & payment process. Any member who does not pay the reciprocal fee by the end of December loses their membership of the reciprocating organisation.

Other Areas of Co-operation

The RMIA and BCI will co-operate to develop knowledge and understanding of risk and business continuity management. Future joint activities may include:

- Members' Forums
- Special Interest Groups
- Public events, eg conferences, seminars and workshops
- Linking of RMIA and BCI websites, as appropriate
- Research
- Input to national and international standards
- Promotion to industry, commerce and government
- Press releases and other PR activity
- Relationships with educational establishments, including syllabus development
- Publications, including books and articles
- Service benefits for members