

Code of Practice for Membership

This code is offered as guidance on the discharge of the professional responsibilities of Members of the British Expertise International.

It sets out five principles, giving guidelines which should be applied in different contexts by Members for the benefit of their Clients.

This Code of Practice is not intended to be regarded as comprehensive, but has been prepared to assist all Members to observe the requirements of the criteria for Membership and other by-laws, rules and regulations periodically specified by the Board.

The Five Principles

Principle One

Qualified for the Job

Members undertake only to accept those assignments for which they can provide the appropriate experience, competence and organisation capabilities to complete the work to the satisfaction of the Client.

Principle Two

Clients' Interests

Members will endeavour to protect the interest of their Clients at all times.

They shall discharge their duties with complete fidelity and shall not disclose, without the Client's prior authority, information or opinions relating to the Client or the Client's business, obtained in the course of their duties unless such information is in the public domain.

Principle Three

Independence

Members undertake that where potential conflicts of interest might arise prior to, or during an assignment, the Member shall inform the Client.

Principle Four

Provision of Services

Members will endeavour to ensure that a clear definition of the provision of services, terms of engagement, objectives and scope of work and basis of payment of fees has been made prior to the commencement of an assignment.

Principle Five

Professional Integrity

Members undertake to act with professional integrity and to exercise reasonable skill and care and to observe the standards and codes of practice of their own professions.

Criteria for Membership

The criteria for Membership of British Expertise International are outlined on the right and are periodically reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Full Members

Full members shall provide professional services in any sector or discipline recognised by British Expertise International, or provide such other services as may be approved by the Board as appropriate to British Expertise International.

Individual Members

Individual membership is only available on an exceptional basis.

Associate Members

Associate members may be:

- Individuals, firms, corporations or organisations not eligible for full membership that the Board in its absolute discretion may from time to time deem eligible for associate membership; or
- Government Departments or organisations that receive an invitation from the Board to join British Expertise International.

Overseas Members

Individuals and Corporations based overseas may be granted membership only on an exceptional basis.

Place of Business

Full members must have registration and operate within the United Kingdom, though the parent company may be registered elsewhere. Thus a significant place of business, and central management and control, must ordinarily be exercised from within the United Kingdom. The key is that members shall bring either revenue or employment to the United Kingdom.

References

New full members will be required to provide two reputable references, where possible from existing British Expertise International members.



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