
Criteria for Membership

The criteria for Membership of British Expertise are specified by the Articles of Association and periodically amplified by the Board of Directors.

Paragraphs 4 to 13 of the Articles are particularly relevant. The Criteria were last reviewed by the Board on 25 April 2006.

Full Members

Full members shall provide professional services in any sector or discipline recognised by British Expertise, or provide such other services as may be approved by the Board as appropriate to British Expertise. Full members have voting rights as described in paragraph 62 of the Articles of Association.

Individual Members

There are strict, extra criteria for Individual Membership. Individual members must satisfy the Board that:

- a They are a sole practitioner and not part of a corporate body of consultants, and self-employed, and recognised as such by the Inland Revenue; or the director of a small limited company working in consultancy, and the only director involved in operations;
- b They have appropriate qualifications and experience in the declared field;
- c They have a first degree, or are a member of a recognised professional institute, or have proven competence and experience in the chosen field.

Associate Members

Associate members may be:

- Individuals, firms, corporations or organisations not being 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.

Overseas Members

Individuals and Corporations based overseas may be granted Associate Membership under a set of principles agreed by the Board. Please contact us at mail@britishexpertise.org for details.

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 members.

Subscriptions

All members shall pay such fees and subscriptions as the Board in its absolute discretion decides. The annual subscription shall be paid within 30 days of the due date as defined on the annual renewal notice unless six months notice of resignation is offered in accordance with the full Articles of Association.

Directory Entry

New members should submit a Directory entry immediately on being accepted formally as members of British Expertise.

Representative

Each member should designate an appropriate officer to be their representative to exercise the rights of membership on their behalf and be liable for their obligations to British Expertise. However, in multi-disciplinary firms we encourage the nomination of additional representatives for specific sectors.



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