

IFA

Overseas membership application form

This form is to be used for non-UK applicants for IFA
overseas membership only

How do I submit my application form?

Complete **ALL** appropriate sections of the form using block capitals and black ink for scanning purposes. Remember to enclose **ALL** your supporting documents and the appropriate fees.

The information that you provide must be true, correct and up to date. It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes within 14 working days.

Forms which are incomplete, illegible or where the application fee and supporting documents are missing will not be processed.

There are two ways to submit your application form, supporting documents and application fee:

1. Email to membership@ifa.org.uk
OR
2. Post to:

**Institute of Financial Accountants
Membership Department
CS111, Clerkenwell Workshops
27-31 Clerkenwell Close
Farringdon
London
EC1R 0AT**

Submitting your application by email is faster.

Once we have assessed your application, we will contact you with a decision about your eligibility for membership and the level of membership we can offer you.

We aim to provide a response within 10 working days. However, during December–January this may take longer.

For the purposes of administering your membership we will send renewal and invoice information by email.

What grade can I apply for?

You can apply for any grade of membership where you meet the eligibility criteria. There are four levels of IFA membership available:

- Associate membership (AFA MIPA)
- Fellow membership (FFA FIPA)
- Associate tax adviser (ATA AIPA)
- Fellow tax adviser (FTA AIPA)

If you are applying for Associate or Fellow Tax Adviser grade as well as Associate (AFA MIPA) or Fellow (FFA FIPA) membership of the IFA, this will be offered at a discounted rate.

Applying for membership

Please indicate below the grade of membership you are applying for

	AFA MIPA	FFA FIPA	ATA AIPA	FTA AIPA
IFA membership				

What are the entry requirements for membership?

For admission to membership of the IFA as an overseas member, you must provide evidence that you:

1. Have successfully gained the required entry qualifications for the level you are applying for where you:
 - have successfully completed and passed the IFA's educational programme (IFA Direct); or
 - hold a UK or overseas accountancy qualification approved by the Institute; or
 - are a member of another IFAC body; or
 - are a member of another accountancy professional body approved by the Institute;and
2. Are able to demonstrate that you have achieved not less than three years' experience in accountancy or a related field.

If you have completed an accountancy qualification but are unsure whether it meets the above definition, please refer to the information below. For Associate level membership, your qualification should cover at least 75% of the following subject areas:

- Basic accounting
- Auditing
- Business finance
- Computer Information systems
- Cost and management accounting
- Current accounting issues
- Economics
- Financial and corporate accounting
- Statistics
- Introductory law
- Company law
- Taxation law

If you meet the educational requirements but do not yet have the experience, IFA may be able to offer you Provisional Associate Membership for a maximum of five years until you have completed the three years' experience in accountancy or a related field.

Fellow level membership is only offered to applicants who currently hold Fellow level membership of another IFAC body or of another accountancy professional body recognised by the Institute. If accepted as Associate, you may later progress to Fellow level following five consecutive years membership of IFA.

Documents required to submit when applying for membership

You will need to include the following documents when applying for membership:

- Certified copies of photographic identification (passport, driving licence).
- Evidence of having completed and passed an ethics qualification.
- Copies of relevant accountancy and/or tax qualification, including completion certificates and transcripts.
- An up-to-date CV which provides details of a minimum of three years' work experience in the accountancy industry or a closely related field, your full educational history and membership of other professional bodies.

Please also submit following documents if you have these:

- Copies of any other relevant qualifications, including completion certificates and transcripts.
- Copies of membership certificates held with other professional accountancy bodies.

Applicable fees

All applicants will be required to pay the pre-scribed fees, as outlined on the website

[here](#)

The fees are determined by your permanent country of residence. This is the country in which you indicated in this application forms as your preferred mailing address.

If you change your preferred mailing address, your annual subscription may also change.

Important information:

1. The application fee is non-refundable and is applicable to all membership applicants who have not studied any of the [IFA Direct programmes](#).
2. The exemption fee is applicable to all applicants who are applying for membership who have not studied any of the [IFA Direct programmes](#).
3. The annual fee is valid until the 31 December 2021 and is not pro-rated.

If you change your preferred mailing address, your annual subscription may also change.

Thinking of moving to the UK, or working within the UK in the future?

Please note that if you are offered IFA overseas membership and in the future wish to move to the UK to work in accountancy, you may need to undertake further study. If you plan to offer accountancy services to the public in the UK in the future as an IFA member, you will need to refer to the IFA Public Practice Regulations and meet the criteria.

Membership application

Personal details

Please note, this information is required for our electronic verification process.

Membership number if previously a member or student of the IFA	
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Title	
First name	
Middle name	
Surname	
Date of birth	
Home address	
Country	
Other address	
Country	
Home telephone number	
Work telephone number	
Mobile telephone number	
Email address	

Name to appear on membership certificate	
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Which of the above details are your preferred mailing address?	HOME	OTHER

Your preferred contact details is the place you reside the majority of the time. This is where we shall send your membership certificates and bi-monthly Financial Accountant Magazine.

This is also the country that we use when raising the billing.

Membership of other bodies

		YES	NO
Do you hold membership with another professional body?			
If yes, please provide the following details and evidence to support this:			
Name of professional body			
Start date			
End date (if applicable)			
If you no longer hold membership with the above body, please provide the reason why.			

If you are currently an active member of another professional body we strongly advise you check their regulations and Bye-laws before applying for membership of the IFA. It is not the IFA's responsibility to inform you of any conflicting regulations that may arise from your membership with another professional body when applying for IFA membership, and as such, will not be held responsible if these are later discovered.

Employment

Please indicate the employment sector you currently work in:			
Professional practice/Accountancy		Retired	
Education		Not for profit	
Commerce		Unemployed	
Consultant		Other	

Please indicate the title that best describes your current job:			
Partner/director		Financial controller	
CEO/COO/Managing director		Financial manager	
CFO/Finance director		Management accountant	
Chairman		Senior manager	
Consultant		Non-executive board director	
Financial accountant		Other	
Analyst		Other manager	

Fit and proper declaration

All members of the IFA must be of good character. Please complete the below fit and proper declaration below. Failure to complete the declaration will result in your application being terminated.

Section A – Financial soundness	YES	NO
Have you, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been the subject of any debt or award that remains outstanding or was not satisfied within a reasonable period of time? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been declared bankrupt, subject to bankruptcy procedures, made arrangements with creditors or involved in any proceedings relating to these areas? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been involved as a director, partner or manager of a business that has gone into insolvency, liquidation or administration? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been the subject of debt collection agencies, court action by the IFA or other third parties? 		
If you have answered 'yes' to the above, please provide details below:		
Section B – Criminal or civil offences	YES	NO
Have you, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been subject to a criminal conviction under the Relevant Offences in Schedule 3 of the Money Laundering Regulations 2017 or equivalent legislation as may apply in other jurisdictions which is unspent? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been subject to, pleaded guilty or found guilty to any other offence which is unspent? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been subject to any adverse finding or any settlement in civil proceedings, particularly in relation to any financial business, fraud, misconduct or the formation of companies and trusts? 		
If you have answered 'yes' to the above, please provide details below:		
Section C – Good reputation and character	YES	NO
Have you, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been notified of any potential investigation and disciplinary by a professional body, tax authority, regulator, court or tribunal? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been subject to investigation and disciplinary proceedings by a professional body, tax authority, regulator, court or tribunal resulting in a finding? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been subject to disciplinary procedures by an employer resulting in a finding? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been dismissed, asked to resign and resigned, from employment, position of trust, fiduciary appointment or similar? 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been disqualified from acting a direction, trustee, or disqualified from acting in a managerial capacity? 		

• Been involved with a company, partnership or other organisation that has been refused registration, authorisation, and membership or licence to carry out any trade, business or profession or had that registrations, authorisation, and membership or license revoked, withdrawn or terminated?		
• Been refused entry to or excluded from membership of any profession or vocation?		
• Are you currently in the process of any investigation or disciplinary procedures as described above?		
If you have answered 'yes' to the above, please provide details below:		

Member permissions and interests

Please indicate below how you would like the IFA to communicate with you regarding IFA business partner products and services. The IFA's preferred method of communicating is email and information regarding member offerings may not be available via other channels.

	Email	Post	Telephone	Text
I am happy to be contacted by the IFA by the following communication preferences				

Please indicate your preference below:

	YES	NO
I am happy to be contacted by the IFA regarding business partners and their products and services.		

Member undertakings

This is a formal declaration between you as the member and the IFA as your professional membership body and you must adhere to the following undertakings. The IFA reserves the right to remove you from membership and potentially begin disciplinary proceedings if you provide false information.

I have read and by accepting membership, I agree to adhere to the IFA's [Articles of Association](#), [Bye-Laws](#), [Code of Ethics](#), [Disciplinary Regulations](#), [Continuing Professional Development Regulations](#) and any other guidance issued by the IFA that may relate to my membership, including but not limited to [Professional Conduct in Relation to Taxation](#) and [Public Practice Regulations](#). This includes submitting my annual membership return via my membership portal which includes my CPD records and my annual fit and proper declaration. Visit [member regulations](#) for details.

I declare that:

- to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information given in this application is true and correct;
- I must inform the IFA of any material changes to the information I have provided within 10 working days of the change;
- the IFA reserves the right to contact me and/or other relevant parties to verify any of the information provided in this form or appendices;
- I have checked the Bye-laws, regulations and other documentation of any other professional institutes I am associated with before applying to the IFA for membership;
- I accept that the IFA will confirm my identity using electronic verification, and where appropriate, will make further checks as part of its due diligence, including open source checks, before accepting me for membership and to continue to administer my membership.

Furthermore, the IFA conducts all of its communications in English. By applying for membership with the IFA you confirm that your English language proficiency allows you to communicate with the IFA and the IFA to communicate with you.

Print your full name	Signature	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Verification

Before we accept your application, we may need to obtain "satisfactory evidence" to confirm your identity and we will use electronic verification for this purpose. We may also need to obtain such evidence after we have begun to act on your application. Although a record of our enquiry will be entered on your record it will not affect your credit history.

In certain circumstances, we may also need to obtain evidence confirming the identities of third parties, the source of any funds or other property, the purpose of any instructions or any other matter.

IFA data protection

IFA takes your privacy seriously. All personal information provided to IFA on this form or through any other method of communication is collected and held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

We will treat your personal information in accordance with data protection legislation.

We will use your information for administering your membership, for communicating with you in respect of your membership and for IFA research.

We will also use your information to carry out our responsibilities as a regulator and as a professional body. To do this, we may share your information with other organisations as required by law.

We will transfer your information outside the European Economic Area (EEA) e.g. IPA Group. These countries may not have similar data protection laws to the EEA, so if we do transfer your information we will take the necessary steps to ensure that your privacy rights are still protected.

Copies of the IFA Data Protection Policy and the Privacy and Cookie policies are available to view on the IFA website www.ifa.org.uk/dataprotection.

Section G – How did you hear about us?

	Tick the most appropriate	Please give details
IFA Agent		
Recommended by a colleague		
Email		
IFA conference/workshop		
Previous member		
Word of mouth		
Search engine		
Lapsed campaign		
IFA Endorsed/IFA Embedded course		
IFA qualification		
Publications		
Universities		
Facebook		
LinkedIn		
Twitter		
Live Chat - IFA		
Other		

Method of payment

Choose ONE method of payment	Tick														
<p>BACS – I confirm that I am paying my fees by BACS. This method of payment provides a fast and efficient means to renew your annual membership. Simply make payment to:</p> <p>The Institute of Financial Accountants Sort code: 23-05-80 Bank account number: 27604875</p> <p>Please note: If paying via this method you must ensure that your bank uses your membership number, initials and surname as your BACS payment reference so we can locate and allocate the payment.</p> <p>Please note your application will not be assessed until your application fee has been paid You remain liable to pay any bank charges incurred. Charges not paid may result in your membership not being renewed until all charges are received in full.</p>															
<p>STERLING CHEQUE OR BANKER’S DRAFT DRAWN ON A UK BANK – I confirm that I am paying my fees by Sterling cheque or banker’s draft, made payable to the Institute of Financial Accountants.</p>															
<p>INVOICE – I would like to pay by invoice and request that an invoice is sent to the email included on the application form.</p> <p>Please note your application will not be assessed until your application fee has been paid/ nor will membership be fully approved until the all prescribed fees have been paid.</p>															
<p>PAYMENT BY DEBIT/CREDIT CARD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I authorise you to take the application fee from the card details below an invoice me for the remaining outstanding fees</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I authorise you to take the appropriate exemption and annual fees from the card details below in order to offer me the grade of membership I have applied for in this application form</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Payment by Debit/ Visa Card</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard</p> <p>Card No.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table> <p>Expiry Date <table style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 25px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table></p> <p>Name on Card _____ Date _____</p> </div> <p>I confirm that this card is mine. If this card is not yours please provide written confirmation and contact details of the person on whose card this is.</p>															