



THE ABFA MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE



The ABFA Membership structure has a consistency of approach to groups* across the Membership, making the format clear and defined. The structure includes **THREE** tiers of Membership - **Full Member, Group Member** and **Associate Member**.

Each of these three tiers of Membership has different acceptance criteria, different privileges and a different fee structure. An outline of the three tiers is summarised in this leaflet to enable you to consider what Membership options are available and which option will be right for your organisation.

** 'Group' applies to all companies under common ownership. A common Director does not constitute a group.*

FULL MEMBER

- Full Membership is open to UK and Irish companies only. Up to three Full Members from a group* may take this Membership option.

This Membership Option includes:

- The right to vote at an Annual Meeting
- The right to seek election onto the Executive Committee
- The right to participate in functions, conferences, day courses and educational programmes at an ABFA Members' rate
- The right to use the ABFA logo on marketing material
- Annual fees are based upon the staff numbers of the Full Member and any associated Group Member.
- A Full Member must comply with all the conditions laid out in the Articles of Association of the ABFA. In addition a Full Member will be required to monitor and vouch for the compliance of all associated Group Members.

GROUP MEMBER

- World-wide Group Membership is designed for any company belonging to a group where there is at least one Full ABFA Member.

This Membership Option includes:

- The right to participate in functions, conferences, day courses and educational programmes at an ABFA Members' rate
- The right to attend, but not vote at an Annual meeting
- The right to use the ABFA logo on marketing material
- The Full Member is responsible for the fees for all Group Members.
- For Group Members situated within the UK and Ireland the Full Member fees are based upon the staff numbers of the Full Member and any associated Group Member.
- For Group Members situated outside of the UK and Eire there is a small fixed fee only.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

- World-wide Associate Membership is for any company where there is no Full ABFA Member.

This Membership Option includes ONLY:

- The right to participate in functions, conferences, day courses and educational programmes at an ABFA Members' rate
- A fixed annual fee is payable in recognition of the value provided in offering reduced rates for educational courses and access to information. This is open to companies world-wide (except where Full or Group Membership options apply) who wish to take advantage of a limited membership for a small fixed fee.
- This type of Membership mainly applies to overseas organisation with a specific interest in ABFA courses and events.
- An Associate Member must be engaged in the provision of asset finance. They are not required to comply with the conditions laid out in the Articles of Association, however the ABFA Executive reserves the right to refuse or withdraw Associate Membership without reference and at any time should they see fit. This form of membership does not allow for the use of the ABFA logo on corporate marketing material.

BENEFITS

Benefits of being an ABFA Member include -

1. Being part of a pro-active Association that lobbies government on your behalf
2. The ability to make use of the ABFA Educational Foundation courses, namely Day Courses, Distance Learning courses and e-Learning courses, at Member rates
3. Staff access to e-Learning Industry Risk courses at no extra charge
4. Invitations to exclusive industry networking events, at Member rates
5. A listing on the ABFA website
6. Inclusion in the ABFA's website 'Funding Facility Search', which will identify your organisation to potential customers and give them your contact details
7. Use of the Members Only section of our website, including a Members On-line Library
8. Free use of the 'Job Vacancies' page on the website, to advertise your latest vacancies
9. Use of 'ABFA Member' logo on your letterhead and marketing material.



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