

Membership Categories and Qualifications & Subscriptions

Full Membership

The FIA represents the fire protection systems industry promoting best practice in all aspects of business. Membership is open to manufacturers, designers, installers and maintainers of fire protection systems who operate in the UK.

Members are expected to abide by the Leadership Statement and act in the best interest of the industry in the widest sense. It is incumbent on all companies to be BS EN ISO 9001 registered or equivalent.

Those engaged in the design, installation, commissioning, handover and/or maintenance of fire alarm, detection and extinguishing systems must hold the relevant modules of SP 203 or equivalent [LPS 1014, LPS 1204].

Those engaged in the contract maintenance of portable fire extinguishers must obtain SP101/ST104.

Any company unable to demonstrate the above criteria should contact the FIA to discuss as help and possible probationary membership is available.

Associate Membership

Membership is open to individuals who are not manufacturers, designers, installers or maintainers of fire protection systems, but who have skill, knowledge or technical expertise within the fire industry and whose aims are commensurate with those of the FIA.

Associate Members have full access to all FIA technical, marketing and training information and benefits. They are also entitled to participate on working groups and committees. There are restrictions to this type of membership as they are not subjected to any 3rd party certification. They are also not entitled to promote themselves under the FIA banner or be included in the FIA directory. The main benefit for being an Associate member is access to Fire industry related information.

Overseas Membership

Membership is open to manufacturers, designers, installers and maintainers of fire protection systems who are based outside the UK mainland and who have no permanent UK base.

Application Procedure

The completed application form should be returned to the General Manager with:

- Copies of the applying company's annual report and audited accounts for the last financial year

On receipt of the above, the Secretariat may request any such clarification as may be necessary in order to administer the application. This may include arrangements for one of its staff or a Board member to visit the applicant's place of business to discuss the application and any part the applicant may wish to play in the affairs of FIA.

All applications are subject to Board approval, the decision being delivered to the applicant within six weeks of receipt of the completed form.

Category	Turnover	Annual Subscription
Full Member	£150 + pa £50M - £150M £20M - £50M £3M - 20M £2M - 3M £1M - 2M £350 - £1M £200K - £350K £0 - £200K	A plus £25,000 A £10,000 B £6,000 C £3,500 D1 £2,200 D2 £1,600 E1 £850 E2 £500 F £200
Associate	-	£200
Overseas	-	£1,250

Note: VAT at 17.5% must be added to the above

For multiple subsidiary members, each of its constituent companies which are a subsidiary or trading division operating under its own name would hold individual memberships but receive a 10% discount on each membership fee. Such subsidiaries or trading divisions having annual fire protection sales of less than £1 m would be exempt from requiring separate membership but would still need to meet the relevant membership criteria. Aside from this exception, only those subsidiaries or trading entities holding association membership would be entitled to use the relevant logo[s].