

Eligibility for classification as a Member of the Association

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General Member (Pre-registrant):

A person working in fields related to ocular imaging and concurrently studying for a recognised qualification in ophthalmic science, technology and/or care, shall be eligible to apply as a *Pre-registrant General Member* of the Association.

Full General Member:

A person registered as an Ophthalmic Science Practitioner (from such time as registration is appropriate) and/or registered as a Retinal Screener (from such time as registration is appropriate) and, in either case, actively carrying out duties relating to ophthalmology and ophthalmic imaging shall be eligible to apply to be classified as a *Full General Member* of the Association.

Medical Member:

A qualified ophthalmologist or other medical practitioner who is working in the field of ophthalmology shall be eligible to apply to be classified as a *Medical Member* of the Association.

There are two categories of Medical Members:

- Consultant
- Non Consultant grades

Affiliate:

A person working in the field of ophthalmology who promotes and abides by the Aims and Objectives of the Association but who otherwise does not meet the criteria for other membership categories, shall be eligible to apply for classification as an *Affiliate* of the Association.

Honorary Fellow:

The Association shall have the power to confer on an individual the distinction of Honorary Fellowship of the Association where, in the opinion of Council, that person has given outstanding service to the profession. In such cases, that person shall be deemed to be an *Honorary Fellow* of the Association and shall be entitled to use the designation Hon. F.O.I.A.

Corporate Member:

A company working in or providing services related to the application of ophthalmology shall be eligible to apply for classification as a *Corporate Member* of the Association. Corporate Member organisations shall appoint from their employees one primary and optionally one alternate representative.

Retired Member:

Classification as a *Retired Member* of the Association, at the discretion of the Council, may be granted to Members of the Association who have retired from active working life and are of good standing at the time of their retirement. The interpretation of active working life will be at the discretion of the Council.