



# Membership application form – guidance

Please read these notes before filling in your application form.

## A. About you

Please provide as much contact information as possible, and don't forget to indicate which address we should send invoices to.

## B. Your career

Use this checklist to make sure you've given us all the information we need:

- details of your current and previous employment, with dates
- your employers' names and addresses
- details of your health and safety responsibilities with each employer
- your current job description (if you're employed), signed by your employer

If we offer you Technician or Graduate membership, we may need to contact your current or former employers for more information. We won't do this without asking you first.

## C. Your qualifications

When we receive and approve your application, we'll automatically enrol you as an Affiliate member. If you don't have health and safety qualifications and you're not planning to progress towards Chartered status, you can stay at Affiliate level and you needn't fill in this section.

In order to qualify for Technician or Graduate membership, which lead towards Chartered status, you'll need a health and safety qualification accredited by us. Your pack contains lists of courses accredited for Technician and Graduate membership. We also look for a minimum level of experience in a health and safety role. This can be in a full-time, part-time or voluntary role.

If you have a higher-level qualification that's not on our list of accredited courses but includes at least 60 per cent health and safety content, we will consider accepting it as a cognate degree.

Please tell us in this section about any health and safety qualifications you've got and the year you obtained them. We may contact the college or university you studied at for more information about the course. We'll ask you to send your certificates later on, when we outline the route to Chartered membership that best suits you.

If we offer you Graduate status, we'll ask you to enrol on our Initial Professional Development (IPD) scheme at a one-off cost of £100. You have to complete your IPD cycle to move towards Chartered status.

If you want to maintain Technician, Graduate or Chartered status, you'll need to commit to following our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme. We'll tell you about this when we discuss your membership status.

You can find out more about IPD and CPD at [www.iosh.co.uk](http://www.iosh.co.uk) or by calling our helplines:

IPD: +44 (0)116 257 3229

CPD +44 (0)116 257 3239

## D. About your job

We'll use this information to help focus our services and to give people in similar jobs the chance to network and share best practice.

## E. Specialist groups

Joining a specialist group will allow you to network with other members in your industry. The information you've given in section D will help you decide which groups you want to join. The specialist groups hold events throughout the year and play an important part in shaping our response to developments in best practice and legislation.

Your subscription includes membership of one specialist group. If you want to join more than one group, there's an extra charge of £10 per group per year.

## F. Branches

Branches offer the chance to network locally with other members in your region. You can choose which branch is most convenient – there's more information and a map at [www.iosh.co.uk/branches](http://www.iosh.co.uk/branches). Each branch has members from all sectors of industry, so getting involved is an ideal way to broaden your knowledge. The branches are also the local face of IOSH, looking at local needs and dealing with local issues. Like the specialist groups, they play a vital role in keeping IOSH at the forefront of health and safety.

## G. Your subscription payment

Choose whichever payment method that suits you. Your membership will be due for renewal one year after we accept your application – we'll send you a reminder in advance.

The basic fee of £125 (non-refundable) covers the joining fee plus a year's membership as an Affiliate Member. If you want to join more than one specialist group, please add £10 per extra group. If you'd like to subscribe to our twice-yearly academic journal, *Policy and Practice in Health and Safety*, please add £20.

## H. Your signature and data protection

Please remember to sign your application – we can't process it if you don't.

There's also a separate optional ethnicity questionnaire in your membership application pack. We use this information to make sure we follow good practice in offering equal opportunities. It would help us if you could fill it in and return it with your application.

Please send your form, CV and payment to:

Membership Department  
IOSH  
The Grange  
Highfield Drive  
Wigston  
Leicestershire  
LE18 1NN  
UK

If you need more information, or you'd like to discuss your application with us, call the Membership team on +44 (0)116 257 3198 or email [membership@iosh.co.uk](mailto:membership@iosh.co.uk).

We aim to process your application and get in touch within two weeks.