



IAF Membership Guide

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Membership information, eligibility criteria, benefits, and the end-to-end application process of the International Automotive Federation.

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1. About IAF

The International Automotive Federation (IAF) is a global, non-profit federation that advances *safety*, *sustainability*, *digital systems integrity*, and *smart mobility* across the automotive ecosystem. IAF convenes manufacturers, suppliers, laboratories, regulators, academics, and independent experts to co-develop practical standards and programs that raise confidence in products and services worldwide.

IAF membership is designed to be inclusive yet rigorous. Applicants are assessed for integrity, technical competence, and alignment with IAF's mission.

2. Membership Categories

Category	Who it's for	Typical Rights
Industry Members	Includes nearly all commercial entities within the automotive industry: manufacturers, suppliers, testing laboratories, research laboratories, technology providers, and related service organizations.	Committee participation, technical ballots, use of member mark (per policy), limited voting rights in assemblies.
Associations & Civil Society	Covers automotive and mobility-related associations, NGOs, trade unions, consumer protection groups, and civil-society initiatives supporting industry advancement and public interest.	Advisory participation, public consultations, visibility in stakeholder dialogues.
Government & Regulators	Includes ministries, regulatory agencies, public authorities, and international governmental organizations responsible for standards, transport safety, and market oversight.	Observer or partner role in committees; access to research and regulatory briefings.
Academic & Research	Open to universities, technical institutes, research centers, and laboratories conducting studies in mobility, safety, sustainability, and digital systems.	Working group participation, research data access (per terms), paper submissions and presentation rights.
Individual Members	Open to professionals, students, innovators, consultants, and independent experts who wish to contribute individually to the Federation's mission.	Working group access (as invited), member communications, knowledge resources.
Honorable Members	Reserved for distinguished figures, institutions, or partners recognized by the Federation for their outstanding contributions to the automotive sector or public good.	No membership fee. Granted by Board resolution; honorary recognition with visibility in Federation communications.

Specific rights are defined in the IAF Membership Policy and may vary by category.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- Demonstrated commitment to safety, compliance, and ethical conduct.
- Transparency of ownership/affiliations and absence of conflicts that undermine impartiality.
- Willingness to comply with IAF rules, codes of conduct, and confidentiality requirements.
- For organizations: legal establishment and good standing in their jurisdiction.

4. Application Process

4.1 Pre-Application (Online)

Prospective members begin at iaf.com/join-iaf and submit a short pre-application. This gathers essential identity and eligibility information and helps IAF route the applicant to the correct membership category.

4.2 Formal Application Dossier

Eligible pre-applications are invited to complete the full application and upload supporting documents. Typical items may include:

- Corporate details (registration, ownership, key officers) or professional CV for individuals.
- Relevant certifications, accreditations, or lab qualifications (as applicable).
- Statements on ethics, impartiality, and conflicts management.

4.3 Management & Technical Committee Review

The application is reviewed by IAF's Management Secretariat and the relevant Technical Committees. Reviews focus on eligibility, alignment with IAF's mission, and the quality and completeness of documentation.

4.4 Conditional Decision & Additional Evidence

If the preliminary decision is *“admit subject to conditions”*, applicants are requested to provide additional evidence (e.g., clarifications, references, or governance documents) within a defined timeframe.

4.5 Fees, Dues & Onboarding

Once conditionally admitted, the applicant receives an invoice for the appropriate membership dues and any one-time fees. Upon settlement, onboarding is scheduled (directory listing, committee invitations, member portal access).

4.6 Final Determination

Following verification of all conditions and payment confirmation, IAF issues a final decision:

Admitted (welcome package issued) or **Declined** (with rationale and, where applicable, the right to reapply after addressing gaps).

4.7 Appeals

Applicants may appeal negative decisions in accordance with the IAF Appeals Procedure.

5. Fees & Dues

Fees are set annually by IAF and depend on membership category and entity size. Invoices are issued upon conditional approval. Preferential rates may apply for academia and non-profits. For a current schedule, contact membership@iaf.com.

Category	Notes
Industry Membership	Membership fees will be announced later.
Associations & Civil Society	Membership fees will be announced later.
Government & Regulators	Membership fees will be announced later. (Membership fee may not apply.)
Academic & Research	Membership fees will be announced later. (Membership fee may not apply.)
Individual Membership	Membership fees will be announced later.
Honorable Members	No membership fee. Granted by Board resolution as an honorary distinction.

6 Member Rights & Responsibilities

Rights

- Access to member communications, research, and select standards materials.
- Participation in committees and working groups per category rules.
- Visibility and networking across the global IAF community.

Responsibilities

- Compliance with IAF rules, code of conduct, confidentiality, and antitrust guidance.
- Accurate representation of membership status; correct use of IAF marks where permitted.
- Constructive participation and timely payment of dues.

7 Governance & Participation

IAF operates through a Board, a Management Secretariat, and open technical committees. Members are invited to contribute expertise to standards development, pilots, and public consultations. Committee charters define scope, participation rules, and balloting procedures.

8 Contact & Addresses

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