

## Ordinary Membership

Ordinary Membership is the introductory Grade of membership and is regarded as a transitory stage towards Professional Membership of the Association. It is also the Grade of membership for students over the age of 28 who cannot apply for Student Membership Registration.

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### Ordinary Member

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An applicant for election or transfer to the Grade of ordinary Member must:

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possess sufficient maturity and

There is no age bar. It is, however, unlikely that applicants below the age of 21 will be able to demonstrate the necessary degree of maturity

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must be employed or have been employed in the surface coating industry

The Association is not looking for a position of senior responsibility in the surface coating industries, but expects you to have strong connections, typically by employment within the sector in which the Association is the recognized professional body (paints, pigments, resins, inks, surface coatings and ancillary disciplines). Employment or study within the academic sector is also acceptable. You may also apply for the Grade if you are over the age of 28 and undergoing postgraduate studies, or studying part time. Ordinary Members of the Association are expected to transfer to Professional membership at the first available opportunity.

2.2

Application for Admission to the Grade of Ordinary Member must be made on the application form. The application must be signed and countersigned, as sponsors, by two members of the Association in the Professional Grades

The application form for Admission to the Grade can be downloaded as a PDF® document from <http://www.occa.org.uk/appforms.lasso> or obtained from the Association. Two members of the Association as sponsors must countersign the application form. The Members nominated must be in the Grade of Professional Member. Before nominating them you should check that they are willing to recommend your application. If you do not know any Members of the Association who are able to sponsor your application, please contact the Membership Secretary who will be able to help you. Do not delay submitting your application because you cannot find any Members to countersign your application. The completed application form should be sent to the Association using the address at the top of the form.

### 2.3

There is no application fee. However a successful applicant shall pay an annual subscription to maintain their Membership

Once the Association has decided to admit you to the Grade, you will have to pay a subscription before your Admission becomes effective. Failure to pay the subscription renders the Admission null and void. If you wish to remain in Membership, you must pay an annual subscription which falls due on 1st.January. Failure to pay the annual subscription before the subsequent 31st.March will result in you being suspended from the Register of Members (the Register), unless, in the meantime, you pay your subscription and any arrears. You will remain suspended until the 31st.December in the year following your suspension after which you will be removed from the Register. Subsequent re-Admission may not be automatic and will be considered against the Regulations then current.