



**AIA**  
THE ASSOCIATION  
OF INTERNATIONAL  
ACCOUNTANTS

# DIRECT MEMBERSHIP

Direct entry to AIA is available to those who already hold a professional qualification and have a proven track record of experience. There are two routes to direct entry:

## **1. MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

Route 1 applies to those who have the right to practice in the UK under the European Communities (recognition of professional qualifications) Regulations.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP OF AN IFAC MEMBER BODY BASED OUTSIDE THE UK**

Route 2 applies where the applicant is a current, full member, having successfully completed the exams, of an International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) member body, which is based outside the UK, and has no disciplinary action pending.

Associate IFAC member bodies and Affiliate IFAC member bodies are excluded from this scheme.

Those who are members of UK IFAC member bodies should contact AIA directly. Some restrictions apply and in all cases you should confirm your eligibility from the AIA Recruitment Department before submitting the application.

## **LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP**

There are two levels of full AIA membership, Associate and Fellow; direct entry is offered on a like for like basis. Those accepted into membership under this route have no entitlement to the AIA's Professional Audit Qualification nor does it entitle you to reciprocal admission to overseas bodies.

### **AIA MEMBER BENEFITS**

Professional recognition, international membership, designatory letters, membership certificate, 24 hour support via the AIA website, bi-monthly magazine – International Accountant, weekly accountancy e-news, tailored e-publications, technical support, access to an international network of branches, CPD seminars, lectures and online learning, networking opportunities, online directory for members in practice, special offers and discounts on a range of goods and services, range of quality AIA merchandise and much, much more...

### **REGULATIONS**

AIA demand the highest standards of professional conduct from all members. Each individual member is required to carry out CPD, adhere to AIA's Bye-Laws and Code of Ethics and may be subject to disciplinary action; this not only protects the public, but also offers reassurance that an AIA professional accountant is capable, committed and offers exceptional value.

### **AIA PRACTISING CERTIFICATE**

The AIA Practising Certificate allows AIA members to engage in public practice. AIA is committed to ensuring that all members in practice have access to the right information, support and guidance to ensure that they operate a successful practice and adhere to all the necessary regulations.

AIA supervise UK members in practice through its Quality Assurance programme, which ensures that members comply with all current regulations, including the Money Laundering Regulations 2007, and best practice.

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

AIA offer a flexible CPD accreditation system to allow for a wide range of programmes across the full breadth of the accounting and finance sectors to be utilised and accredited as CPD.

AIA arranges a CPD programme in key jurisdictions and works in partnership with Approved CPD Providers to ensure members have access to a wide range of events, seminars and conferences. AIA also offer an online CPD programme which has courses covering a range of technical, compliance, personal effectiveness and legal matters.