Membership Terms and Conditions

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01 Introduction

1.1 These Terms govern membership of the network run by Expat Business Council ("**EBC**"), a not-for-profit company licensed under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (CIN U70200KA2025NPL211785; Licence No. 176262), registered office: 2nd Floor, No. 25, S V Arcade, South End Main Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560041.

1.2 You accept these Terms, the Code of Conduct and the Refund and Cancellation Policy by ticking the required box on the online application form and clicking "Submit Application", and again at each renewal. EBC keeps an electronic record of your acceptance. No signature is required.

02 Nature of membership

2.1 Membership gives access to EBC's networking, knowledge, mentoring, community and event activities, in furtherance of its not-for-profit objects.

2.2 Membership is **not** shareholding. A member is not a shareholder of the company and has no right to shares, dividends, assets, or votes at general meetings.

2.3 Fees are applied only to EBC's objects and are never distributed as profit.

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Member Benefits

01 Connect

- Complimentary EBC networking evenings
- Personal introductions
- Member Directory access
- EBC Lounge WhatsApp community

02 Grow

- Vetted experts at member rates
- Expert Workshops
- Business Referrals and Business Corner
- Mentoring from experienced members

03 Have a voice

- A seat on a sector policy committee
- Meet government officials
- Shape EBC position papers

04 Be seen

- Feature in the EBC Global Magazine
- Speak at EBC events
- Co-curate events in your expertise
- Corporate logo on website and events

05 Stay informed

- EBC Newsletter for members
- Members-only EBC Guides
- Co-author EBC Guides in your field

06 Belong

- A community from 25 countries
- Help settling into Bengaluru
- Partner offers and discounts

Individual

INR 9,000 per year

For expatriates, NRIs and OCI holders, entrepreneurs and professionals aligned with EBC's objects. All member benefits for the named member only.

Corporate

INR 17,000 per year

For any company, firm or organisation supporting the international business community. All member benefits for the company, two representatives at every member event, company visibility, priority event access and partner benefits.

Fees are those published on the Platform on the date of application. No GST is charged, as EBC is not registered for GST. Fee changes apply only to future terms, with 30 days' notice.

04 Eligibility

Applicants and Corporate representatives must be 18 or over and accept the Code of Conduct. EBC does not discriminate on nationality, race, religion, caste, gender, sexual orientation or disability. It may decline an application for objective reasons, such as eligibility, unverifiable documents, or conduct.

05 How to apply

1 **Apply online** at www.expatbusinesscouncil.org/join. Fill in the form, read the Privacy Notice for Members, tick the required acceptance box and any optional consents you wish, and click "Submit Application".

2 **Upload documents** through the secure link emailed to you:

> **Individual:** identity proof; proof of residency status in India (where applicable); proof of professional role; photograph.

> **Corporate:** the above for the authorised representative, plus the certificate of incorporation, tax registration (where available) and a company profile.

3 **Review.** EBC reviews the application and may hold a short conversation with you. The decision is normally made within 5 to 7 working days, and in any case within 15 days of a complete application.

4 **Payment.** If accepted, you receive a payment link by email, valid for 7 days. Nothing is payable before acceptance.

5 **Welcome.** Membership starts when payment is confirmed. You receive a receipt and Members Portal access within 2 working days.

06 Term and renewal

Membership lasts 12 months from payment. We send a reminder 30 days before expiry. Renewal is not automatic and no recurring payment is taken. You renew by paying and re-confirming your acceptance online. Membership lapses if it is not renewed within 30 days of expiry.

07 Corporate and Individual memberships

7.1 A Corporate Member acts through its authorised representative and may change its nominated representatives by email to EBC. It must share the Privacy Notice for Members with its representatives, and is responsible for their conduct. Each representative sets their own optional consents in the Members Portal.

7.2 Individual membership is personal and non-transferable.

08 Benefits

8.1 Benefits include member events, the Member Directory and Guides, the Business Corner, Business Referrals, the Expert Workshops, mentoring, the EBC Global Magazine, partner discounts and community groups. EBC may change benefits while keeping the core value of membership.

8.2 Partner offers are governed by the partner's own terms. Experts act independently and are responsible for their own advice. Introductions are made in good faith, and members must do their own due diligence.

8.3 Directory and Guides content is for members' own use. It must not be exported, sold, shared outside the membership or used for bulk messaging.

09 Member obligations

Members must comply with the Code of Conduct and the law, and keep their details up to date. They must use other members' data only for the purpose for which it was shared, and must not suggest EBC endorsement without permission. Each member is responsible for their own immigration, tax and regulatory compliance. EBC does not sponsor visas.

10 Cancellation

A membership may be cancelled at any time by email to expatbusinesscouncil@gmail.com or through the Members Portal. Access ends on the effective date. Refunds follow the Refund and Cancellation Policy.

11 Suspension and termination

11.1 The Board may suspend or terminate membership for: breach of these Terms, the Code of Conduct or the Terms of Use; non-payment; unlawful conduct, or conduct contrary to EBC's Section 8 licence or harmful to EBC or its members; undisclosed conflicts of interest or misrepresentation; or false documents.

11.2 Except in urgent cases, the member is told of the allegation in writing and given 7 days to respond. Termination is decided by Board resolution.

11.3 The Board may suspend membership immediately while a serious matter is reviewed, normally within 30 days.

11.4 The member may appeal in writing within 30 days. The Board decides within 60 days, and its decision is final within EBC.

12 When membership ends

Portal, Directory and group access ends. The profile is removed from the Directory within 7 working days. The former member must stop using EBC's name, logo and materials. Data is kept and erased as set out in the Privacy Policy.

13 Changes, liability and law

13.1 EBC will give 30 days' notice by email of material changes to these Terms. A member who does not accept them may resign and receive a pro-rata refund for the unexpired full months.

13.2 Liability is limited as set out in the Terms of Use.

13.3 Indian law applies, and the courts at Bengaluru have jurisdiction.

Questions about your membership?

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