

## DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS

### Membership categories

A regular member is any group of individuals or associations that pays the dues of its members in the event of death. The number is unlimited. The regular member must have at least 100 registered members. He has the right to vote at general meetings.

An associate member is any individual or corporation whose application for registration is approved by the Board and who has paid his annual dues. An associate member does not have the right to vote, but may, if he wishes, participate in the deliberations of the Organization. The number is unlimited.

The founding member is the one who participated or contributed to the organization's formation.

### Members' rights and privileges

Rights and privileges are provided and limited by the statutes:

(a) Each member has the right to be summoned to the General Meetings of the Organization, to be present at meetings and to participate in deliberations.

(b) A regular member may take advantage of a single vote at the Organization's general assemblies.

(c) A member has the right to ensure the quality of the service offered by the Organization to its members.

(d) Members may, by special resolution at a general meeting convened for this purpose, expel another member for any reason deemed valid and their decision will be final.

(e) Members have the right to check the Organization's minutes and accounting records and financial statements during the Organization's office hours.

### Loss of membership

#### Voluntary withdrawal

A member may withdraw from the Organization at any time by giving written notice to the Organization's head office.

Upon receipt of this notice, the member's name will be removed from the membership list and will no longer have membership status. If a member does not pay his contributions, he or she will automatically be removed from the membership list and will no longer have membership status.



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### **Transfer of membership**

No right or privilege of a member can in any way be transferred or transmitted. The member is stripped of his rights and privileges when he ceases to be a member, either by resignation or otherwise.