



ABS MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA 2012-13

Membership is available to Institutions which are universities, colleges, schools or other bodies which satisfy all of the following criteria:

- 1) Delivery in the UK of HE level qualifications in business and management which are core to the Institution's mission and with sufficient breadth and depth to meet the national subject benchmark statements for general business and management of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).
- 2) Normally, have gained formal approval from the Privy Council as a Chartered body or body with degree awarding powers and be subject to a UK national external quality assurance system; i.e. have gained formal degree awarding powers from the QAA or in the case of vocational qualifications full approval from the Qualifications & Curriculum Authority (QCA) or Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) or the Department of Education, Northern Ireland (DENI).
- 3) Provide sufficient commitment to and achieve a critical mass in terms of research and scholarship to underpin the qualifications, as evidenced by for example: the Institutional strategy, policies and practices, the quality and quantity of published outputs as measured for example by the ABS Academic Journal Quality Guide and the nature and level of financial and academic support for the 'community of scholars' associated with the qualifications.

Applicants should provide detailed information on all of the criteria above and may be required to facilitate a visit by one or more members of the Executive prior to approval. The costs of such a visit are borne by the applicant.

Institutions applying for membership also require the formal support of two existing ABS members (via their voting representatives) to act as referees for their application.

Institutions that are granted membership can use the term, 'Member of the Association of Business Schools' and ABS logo in their documentation and publicity materials and also receive an ABS membership plaque. They are entitled to have one voting representative and one non-voting representative.



Affiliated status:

Affiliated status is not a form of membership and thus affiliated organisations do not have a voting representative. They have a single non-voting representative. This category does not have formal criteria. It is discretionary within the ABS Executive. The following examples are illustrative only:

UK Institutions which do not meet all the criteria for membership as outlined above,
UK Institutions whose provision is largely franchised from one or more other Institutions.
Overseas Institutions, accrediting organisations or corporate providers, which may have an interest in business and management education and ABS for networking purposes.

Those granted affiliate status are not entitled to use 'Member of the Association of Business Schools' or any other similar wording which might suggest this in documentation or publicity materials. They may use the term 'Affiliated with the Association of Business Schools' and with prior approval and conditions, the ABS logo, but do not receive a plaque.

Reciprocal status:

Reciprocal status is not a form of membership and reciprocal organisations do not have a voting representative. It is where an organisation and ABS enter into a separate agreement and define areas of mutual benefit and for example mutual waiving of fees.

Fees:

Full membership	£3,325
Small membership	£1,663
Affiliate membership	£1,663

All membership enquiries should be directed to:



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