

European Buddhist Union

Membership criteria

Full membership of the Association (the EBU) shall be open to all bona-fide Buddhist organisations:

- (1) Which have a constitution or statutes that include items (2) and (3) below
- (2) For whom the cause of Buddhism is their main purpose
- (3) Whose prime function is to undertake Buddhist activities
- (4) Whose membership is predominantly Buddhist
- (5) Whose Council or Board is under the control of professed Buddhists
- (6) Whose membership is of reasonable size
- (7) Which carry out Buddhist activities in Europe
- (8) Which are willing to support the objects of the Association
- (9) Which have been in existence as an organisation for at least three years
- (10) Which have committed to paying the annual membership dues as fixed each year by the EBU.
- (11) Which respect other Buddhists and are willing to work in harmony with them,
- (12) Which abide by the Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Ethics of EBU and do not engage in conduct that is offensive or detrimental to EBU;
- (13) Which have committed to contributing to one of the areas of activity of EBU,
- (14) Which have developed, implemented and published their own code of ethics, or which have committed to doing this within two years.

To be sure that your organisation meets these criteria we ask you to send us a copy of your constitution and any other information you think is pertinent.

All applications for membership shall be submitted to the EBU Council **by 15th January of the year of application**. The council shall make adequate enquiries as to whether the applicant fulfils the criteria for membership and if appropriate shall write to the members not later than 3 weeks prior to the AGM scheduled in May with their informed recommendation to the application.

Approval or rejection of applications for membership shall be decided at Annual General Meetings of the Association (AGM).

Organisations applying to join are asked to delegate one or more representative(s) to meet the Council, in person or online,, to put forward their case for membership.

Each member organisation shall appoint one person, who shall be a professed Buddhist, to represent it and vote on its behalf at General Meetings of the Association. In the event of this person resigning or otherwise leaving the organisation, they shall forthwith cease to be a representative thereof.

In the interests of continuity, we recommend that delegates be changed as infrequently as possible and preferably should stay in office for at least three years.

Each member organisation may nominate:

- (1) a deputy, who shall be a professed Buddhist, to replace its appointed representative to vote at a General Meeting of the Association if the latter is unable to attend any particular meeting of the Association,
- (2) observers, who may be invited by the President to attend any such meeting, but who shall not be entitled to vote.

If the organisation is accepted to membership, it will have the status of 'associated' member of the EBU for 2 years following the submission and acceptance of its application. This will be a non-voting status.

If after this period the AGM is content, the organisation will become a full member. During the 'associated' period the organisation will pay 1/3 of the membership fee.

EBU annual membership fees

We offer a sliding scale of fees, based on self-categorisation and transparency. Please assess the fee appropriate to your organisation, depending on your assessment of your organisation's size and resources, and in consultation with us.

Organisations active in more than one country (UK + Europe) 600/450/300 Euros

Organisations active in one country (UK + Europe) 450/300/150/100 Euros

National Buddhist unions (UK + Europe) 600/450/300/150/100 Euros



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Application for membership

Name of the organisation:

- Tradition or school:
- Website of the organisation:
- Official address (as registered in your statutes):
- Official e-mail address of the organisation:

Spiritual head of the organisation:

Representative/delegate to the EBU:

E-mail:

Date and place:

Signature:

Please email your detailed and signed application, together with your organisation's constitution and other relevant documents - preferably in English - to the EBU President:
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