

# THE INTERNATIONAL GRC ASSOCIATION

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#### MEMBER

##### **Criteria:**

The **Member** grade of GRCA membership shall be open to all companies and individuals involved in the GRC industry in the following categories:

'GRC Manufacturers'

'Consultants'

'AR Glass Fibre Manufacturers'

'Other' companies and individuals involved in the GRC industry.

##### **Applicants:**

All applicants for the grade of **Member** shall complete an application form relevant to their scope of operation, with fact finding questions as set by the GRCA Council. All suitably completed applications for the **Member** grade of GRCA membership shall be circulated to the GRCA Council Members for comment, and a decision shall be made on the application within 14 days of receipt of a suitably completed application form. If a GRCA Council Member knows nothing about the Applicant then they do not need to comment and vote, but at least one 'Yes' vote must be received to accept the applicant as a **Member** of the GRCA. If there are no 'Yes' votes, or if there are any "No" votes, this will automatically result in the application needing to be discussed further at the next Council Meeting of the GRCA.

##### **GRC Manufacturers:**

In addition to the relevant application form, **GRC Manufacturer** applicants for the **Member** grade of GRCA membership shall also submit the following additional information:

- i) A completed GRCA 'MOR/LOP Characteristic Value Spreadsheet', containing the last 40 sets of mean flexural bending test results for their main grade of GRC mix production, Grade 8, Grade 10 or Grade 18. The applicant will also be required to submit the actual test data for five sets of the results chosen at random by the GRCA. The spreadsheet shall be checked by the GRCA for compliance with the requirements of the GRCA 'Specification for the Manufacture, Curing & Testing of GRC Products'.
- ii) Evidence that the design of GRC products is undertaken by a suitably competent and experienced Engineer.
- iii) Evidence that the applicant utilises AR Glass Fibre in the manufacture of GRC, from a known manufacturer, in the form of a copy of the manufacturer's testing certificate for the last 3 deliveries and a copy of the delivery notes to confirm source.

### **AR Glass Fibre Manufacturers:**

In addition to the relevant application form, **AR Glass Fibre Manufacturer** applicants for the **Member** grade of GRCA membership shall also submit the following additional information:

- i) A signed copy of the GRCA conditional letter agreeing to only supply AR glass fibres with a minimum of 16% zirconium dioxide level for use in GRC manufacturing.

### **Other:**

In addition to the relevant application form, **Other** applicants for the **Member** grade of GRCA membership who supply glass fibres for use in GRC shall also submit the following additional information:

- i) A signed copy of the GRCA conditional letter agreeing to only supply AR glass fibres with a minimum of 16% zirconium dioxide level for use in GRC manufacturing.

### **GRC Manufacturers - Ongoing requirements of membership:**

A **GRC Manufacturer** in the **Member** grade of GRCA membership shall submit the following information to the GRCA on an annual basis:

- i) A completed 'GRCA MOR/LOP Characteristic Value Spreadsheet', containing a minimum of the last 40 sets of mean flexural bending test results for their main grade of GRC mix production, Grade 8, Grade 10 or Grade 18. The **Member** will also be required to submit the actual test data for one set of the results chosen at random by the GRCA. The spreadsheet shall be checked by the GRCA for compliance with the requirements of the GRCA 'Specification for the Manufacture, Curing & Testing of GRC Products'.
- ii) Evidence that the design of GRC products is undertaken by a suitably competent and experienced Engineer.
- iii) Evidence that the applicant utilises AR Glass Fibre in the manufacture of GRC, from a known manufacturer, in the form of a copy of the manufacturer's testing certificate for the last delivery and a copy of the delivery note to confirm source.

The complete submission shall be sent to the GRCA no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October in each membership year to allow verification prior to the membership being renewed for the membership year commencing the following 1<sup>st</sup> April. Any **Member** who does not comply with this requirements shall not be allowed to renew their membership for the membership year commencing the following 1st April, and will no longer be regarded as a **Member** of the GRCA.

## **FULL MEMBER**

### **Criteria:**

The **Full Member** grade of GRCA membership shall be open to all **GRC Manufacturer** companies in the **Member** grade of GRCA membership, who have successfully completed one year of GRCA membership.

### **Applicants:**

All applicants for the grade of **Full Member** shall complete an application form, confirming their compliance with the GRCA **Full Member** 'Regulations, Membership Procedure and Assessment'. All accepted applicants shall in the first instance be assessed by an external Assessor, nominated by the GRCA, to confirm full compliance with the GRCA **Full Member** 'Regulations, Membership Procedure and Assessment'. Subsequent annual renewals of the **Full Member** shall either be subject to a further assessment by an external Assessor, nominated by the GRCA, to confirm full compliance with the GRCA **Full Member** 'Regulations, Membership Procedure and

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Assessment', or if the **Member** holds ISO 9001 accreditation, where the scope of the registration includes the manufacture of GRC in accordance with the requirements of the GRCA 'Specification for the Manufacture, Curing & Testing of Glassfibre Reinforced Concrete (GRC) Products', then this ISO 9001 accreditation shall be accepted as confirmation of compliance. Copies of the ISO 9001 registration, scope and continuing assessment reports must be submitted annually to confirm continuing compliance.

## **AFFILIATE MEMBER**

### **Criteria:**

The **Affiliate Member** grade of GRCA membership shall be freely available to other group companies, and wholly owned subsidiaries, of a current GRCA **Member** or **Full Member**.

### **Restrictions:**

**Affiliate Members** are entitled to a full listing on the GRCA web site, to use the GRCA logo and can participate in the activities of the Association and serve on the GRCA Council, by election, and GRCA Working Groups, but shall have no voting rights in addition to those afforded to the main **Member** company. An **Affiliate Member** shall not be permitted to apply for a **Full Member** grade of GRCA membership, without first changing their own membership grade to **Member**.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

### **Criteria:**

The **Associate Member** grade of GRCA membership shall be open to any individual with an interest in GRC. This grade is particularly suited to university graduates, academics etc. Often past Officers of the Association who have retired from full time employment will remain as an **Associate Member** to preserve their interest in GRC and the GRCA.

### **Restrictions:**

**Associate Members** are not permitted to use the GRCA logo however they can participate in the activities of the Association and serve on the GRCA Council, by election, and GRCA Working Groups. An **Associate Member** shall be permitted a reduced listing on the GRCA web site, with an abbreviated address.

### **Applicants:**

Applicants for the grade of **Associate Member** shall complete an application form with fact finding questions, as set by the GRCA Council. Acceptance to the grade of **Associate Member** shall be subject to approval by the GRCA Council, in accordance with the procedure for the approval of the **Member** grade, above.

### **Lifetime Associate Member:**

The GRCA Council may, at its discretion, award the honorary grade of **Lifetime Associate Member** to individuals who have dedicated long or distinguished service to the GRCA or the GRC industry.

### **Honorary Associate Member:**

The GRCA Council may, at its discretion, award an annual grade of **Honorary Associate Member** to individuals who the GRCA wishes to be associated with. The **Honorary Associate Member** grade of membership is particularly suited to academics who are undertaking research into any aspect of GRC.

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