



IATA MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DUES

2025

ELIGIBILITY

The criteria governing eligibility for IATA membership are contained within [By-Law No.1: Articles of Association](#). Any air transport enterprise¹ that holds a valid Air Operator Certificate, and a valid IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) registration is eligible to apply.

IOSA AND MEMBERSHIP

The [IATA Operational Safety Audit \(IOSA\)](#) is an internationally accepted evaluation system designed to assess the operational management and control systems of an airline. IOSA benefits airlines by offering a quality audit program under the stewardship of IATA, which continuously updates audit standards to reflect best practices and maximizes cost savings.

All IATA members must be on the IOSA registry before a membership application can be approved and must also remain on the IOSA registry to retain eligibility for IATA membership.

As the audit process can take many months, airlines not listed on the IOSA registry are advised to wait until the audit process is well advanced before applying for membership.

Information on IOSA eligibility and how to apply for an audit is available [here](#). For any further information on IOSA, please contact the [IOSA team](#).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An applicant will be required to complete an application form signed by the airline's Chief Executive Officer or most senior officer, in addition to providing supporting documentation and payment of the annual membership dues. Most applications take around 3-4 weeks to process, but this is dependent on the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant and the time taken to settle the invoice.

Application Form

Requests for the membership application form should be sent to the membership team at airlinemembership@iata.org.

¹ "Air Transport Enterprise" includes those persons, corporate bodies and unincorporated bodies, companies, firms, partnerships, societies and associations now or hereafter operating an air service* for public hire, under proper authority, in the transport of passengers, mail or cargo under the flag of a State eligible for membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Supporting Documents (to be submitted with a certified translation if the document is not in English):

- A copy of the Air Operator's Certificate (AOC), together with the Operational Specifications issued by the State of Registry
- A copy of the Certificate of company registration or Business license, with the appropriate authority in the country of registration
- An Auditor's report related to the applicant's most recent Financial Statements, certified by an independent chartered or public accountant and not more than 15 months old. **If the applicant participates in IATA's Settlement Systems (ISS) (ICH/BSP/CASS) this is not required.**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is a mandatory requirement for all members to pay annual dues and submit the relevant data to IATA to calculate the applicable amount. For existing members this data is submitted as part of the Annual Air Transport Statistics (AATS) survey and data collection. An airline applying for membership will report the data in the membership application form.

The total membership dues for 2025, approved by an Annual General Meeting (AGM) resolution, is USD 12.6 million, not including the dues paid by members joining IATA within the last three years.

Dues are assessed per AOC, with each member paying a base fee and a variable fee:

- the base fee is a flat amount paid equally by all long-standing members, representing 25% of the total amount. For 2025 this amount is **USD 11,372**.
- the variable fee is a proportional amount based on the volume of international traffic, calculated using revenue tonne-kilometers (RTK's) for passenger (PTK, normalized to 90kg per passenger plus luggage) and cargo (CTK, including mail and with a 15% weighting applied). The RTK's used are for two years prior to the calculation, e.g. 2023 RTK's are used to calculate 2025 dues.

IATA can provide an estimate of the variable fee on request. Please send this to the membership team at airlinemembership@iata.org.

Once IATA has concluded the review of the application, the membership office will submit the statistical data to IATA's data team to verify the RTK's. The membership team will calculate the annual dues applicable, which are then pro-rated to the month of admission. An invoice will be sent to the applicant, which must be settled via bank transfer no later than 30 days after issue. If the applicant is a member of the IATA Clearing House (ICH), the invoice will be submitted for ICH settlement and a copy will be sent to the applicant.

MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

The application will be submitted to the IATA Director General for consideration and approval once the receipt of funds for the annual dues has been confirmed.

Following approval, the membership team will send the confirmation of membership letter to the applicant's CEO.

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