

Guidance for former members re-joining the IRPM

The IRPM understand that members may return to the profession after taking a career break or moving into a different sector for a period of time. The IRPM welcomes former members back into membership.

One of the key aims of the IRPM is raising standards within the property management sector. We continually review our criteria for membership at each level to ensure that our internal exams and recognised alternative qualifications are at the correct level. In 2012 we introduced the Associate Exam to bridge the gap between Foundation Exam (old Part 1) and Member Exam. Our members frequently tell us that the Associate Exam is ideal preparation for the Member Exam.

We are concerned to ensure that all our members continue to demonstrate competence throughout their careers and CPD is a fundamental requirement of membership for all members.

We have reviewed our policy on membership levels for those returning to the sector and / or re-joining the IRPM after a period of absence. We have had particular regard to our aim of raising standards and ensuring that membership of IRPM demonstrates competence to other professionals and the public alike. In his regard it is important to ensure that our membership criteria are consistently applied to all potential members.

All ceased members re-joining the IRPM after 1st May 2016 will be admitted at the level they would have been admitted had they been new applicants.

Ceased members who have previously been awarded Member level will be readmitted at Member level upon payment of the appropriate subscription.

Ceased members who have previously passed our Associate Exam or who are members of an alternative recognised professional body will be readmitted at Associate level on payment of the appropriate subscription.

Ceased members who have previously passed our 'old' Part 1 examination (but have not passed the Associate Exam) and were awarded Associate level membership will be admitted as Affiliate members on payment of the appropriate subscription. Progression to Associate membership will be dependent upon achieving a pass in the Associate Exam. Affiliate members are expected to progress to Associate level within two years of re-joining the IRPM. Those former members with significant experience or advanced academic qualifications may be offered the opportunity to progress to the Member exam via our Direct Entry route.

Ceased Affiliate members will be readmitted at Affiliate level on payment of the appropriate subscription.

Any outstanding subscriptions or other monies owed to the IRPM from a previous period of membership must be paid in full before new membership will be offered.