

The Diecasting Society

Representing the interests of the Diecasting industry
within the United Kingdom



Application for Membership

The Society is a Company Limited by Guarantee, a Registered Charity, and is registered for VAT. UK Members' subscriptions are allowable as a deduction for income tax purposes but do not attract VAT

Types of Membership

Company Membership

This is a unit subscription entitling an organisation to nominate one member of its staff as a member of the Society. This category also entitles four other members of the Company's staff to attend functions for which additional payment is required from non-members, at the preferential rate normally accorded to full members.

Ordinary Member (M.D.Soc)

Applicants must show in addition to the requirements for Associate membership that they have a sound knowledge of diecasting and have served in a responsible position closely associated with diecasting for at least three years.

Trainee/ Student Membership

Any person under 30 having an interest in diecasting may apply for membership. This will entitle him or her to receive the benefits of membership at a reduced subscription, and service in this grade will be taken into account when seeking advancement in the Society.

Associate Member

Applicants for Associate membership should be or have been employed in the diecasting industry or in a research or educational establishment associated with diecasting.

Fellow (F.D.Soc)

Fellowship may only be conferred on members of at least five years standing. National Council may only confer Fellowship on the recommendation of the branch committees, while the total number of fellows is less than one quarter of the total individual membership. Fellows must have qualifications or experience, such as one of the following:-

1. An approved Honours Degree in Metallurgy, Mechanical or Production Engineering and four years experience in a responsible position designing, developing or manufacturing diecasting or diecasting equipment.
2. An approved Honours Degree in another Engineering or Scientific discipline of HND in Diecasting Technology and five years experience in a responsible position.
3. Seven years appropriate industrial experience at senior management level.

The Purpose of the Diecasting Society

The Diecasting Society has been established for 40 years and forms part of the larger metal casting industry, with close links to the Aluminium Federation, the Institute of Cast Metal Engineers, the Cast Metal Federation and the Foundry Equipment Suppliers Association. It represents the interests of diecasting companies and suppliers to the industry through the promotion of technology, providing forums for discussion and debate; it works with further education establishments to better knowledge and push boundaries; it markets the diecasting process and provides members with a medium through which to promote a healthy business environment. Coupled to this is a healthy yet balanced social scene, where industrialists share a unique experience of being amongst friends where others might not see beyond the competition.

Members of the Diecasting Society are recognised as being amongst the best in the UK, and membership ranges from the biggest to the smallest of UK foundries. Many of these are family owned, employing less than 50 staff, yet they collectively produce cast metal products for some of the world's most demanding customers.

Despite competition from overseas, cast metal products sourced within the UK have a critical role in the supply chain to every single UK car plant, and a key role within Europe and America. UK manufacturing is both resilient and innovative, skills that diecasters have honed over many years of service.

Throughout the year, the three regional branches offer members branch meetings that vary from works visits to technical presentations and social events. A National Council steers the Society and offers support to the regions, and takes responsibility for the organisation of national events. Every two years the Diecasting Society stages a National Technical Conference, where members, guests and invitees have the opportunity to discuss issues across a wide range of subjects. The 2005 conference included designers of castings from leading UK automotive companies such as Jaguar.

Membership of the Society

Membership is open to both individual and companies alike. All we ask is that you or your company has an interest in the manufacture of diecast metal products. That interest might be as a foundry or a supplier to a foundry. Membership is not restricted to the UK. We do have some overseas members, but we feel we are best placed to support a UK-based membership.

Each member receives the Diecasting Society newsletter, bound within the leading industry magazine Cast Metal & Diecasting Times. This saves over £60 a year in subscription costs alone, more than twice the cost of a year's individual membership.

Joining the Society

Complete a simple application form, available through regional and national offices, online, included within Cast Metal & Diecasting Times magazine as a reader reply card, and at many of the industry shows. Return your completed application form, with your payment (current rates enclosed) to the address on the application. All applications will be acknowledged by return, and will be put before the National Council for formal acceptance. An authenticated certificate of membership will be issued for your records.



Annual Subscription Rates 2010 - 2011

Company	£195.00
Ordinary Members	£25.00
Associate Members	£25.00
Trainee/Student Member	£ 8.50*
Retired Members	£10.00**

Overseas members should add £2.00 to the above to cover additional postage.

* Persons aged 30 and under engaged in study or training.

** Gratis for retired members aged 65 with ten years previous membership.

Please send application form to The Diecasting Society

Payment can be made by cheque, credit card or BACS.

Contact Ann Gough 0 0121 601 6365 for further details or visit www.dcsoc.org.uk

Application Form

Notes

1. Applicants for Trainee/Student and Associate membership and company member nominees need only complete Part A and sign the Application
2. Applicants for Ordinary Membership must complete all sections of the Application
3. An acknowledgement will be sent on receipt of Application.
4. Please type or use block letters.

Application for Admission as:

Company Member Ordinary Member Associate Trainee/Student

Part A

Surname

Forename(s) in full

Date of Birth Nationality

Home Address

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Telephone

E-mail address

Company Name

Address

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Present appointment Year appointed

Send correspondence to: Home Business

I wish to be affiliated to the: North Midland South Branch.

I enclose a cheque or credit card number for £ and apply for membership of the Society.

I agree, if accepted for membership, to be bound by the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society and to pay the Society such annual subscriptions as the National Council may from time to time approve.

Signed Date

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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