

Shareholder Membership Application Form

(Before completing this form please read the notes overleaf)



If you are applying on behalf of an organisation please include your name and the name and address of the organisation

Title..... Are you an Impact tenant? (please Print) YES NO

Full name: (please print).....

Name of organisation (if applicable)

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Address: (please print).....

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Post code.....Telephone.....

1. Please state why you are interested in becoming a member:

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2. Please provide details of any relevant experience the Board should be aware of when considering your application:

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(Please continue on an additional sheet if you wish)

Position in organisation (if applicable).....

Signed Date

(By signing this form you confirm that you have read and understood the notes overleaf and meet the membership eligibility criteria)

Please return to: The Secretary, Impact Housing Association, Nook Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4EH, with a cheque or postal-order for £1 made payable to Impact Housing Association (returnable if the application is not accepted).

Note: Tenants can opt to pay their £1 in cash to their Neighbourhood Co-ordinator; if you would like your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to call to collect your membership fee, please Print

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Introduction

Impact Housing Association is an Industrial and Provident Society operating under Charitable Rules and welcomes applications for shareholder membership from anyone who is interested in promoting the success of the Association and whose membership, in the view of the Board, will achieve the association's objective, i.e. ***to maintain a base of shareholder members who agree to be bound by the obligations on them as set out in the Association's rules and, when acting as shareholders, will act at all times in the interests of the Association and for the benefit of the community, as guardians of the objects of the Association.***

Shareholder membership – eligibility criteria

With the exception of the following:

- a minor
- a person who has been expelled as a shareholder, unless authorised by special resolution at a general meeting
- an employee of the association or an employee of any other body whose accounts must be consolidated with those of the association

any individual or organisation can apply to become a member.

It is a requirement that former employees only become eligible for membership after 12 months have elapsed following the termination of employment.

However, there are some individuals and groups who we would discourage from applying:

- Any individual or organisation which does not share Impact's ethos and values
- Any individual or organisation which gains any financial benefit from Impact, including contractors, consultants etc.

We are particularly keen to encourage the following individuals and groups:

- Tenants/ Residents
- Individuals from the communities where we work
- Shared ownership tenants
- Individuals who have particular skills to bring
- Local community organisations
- Local voluntary organisations
- Stakeholder agencies (e.g. Local authorities)
- Partners (e.g. Like minded bodies such as managing agents)

The recruitment procedure

Every application will be considered by the board, which has the power to accept or reject the application, and will be included in the agenda for the next scheduled board meeting.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of those who are eligible and who, most effectively, meet our requirements.

The Secretary will notify the applicant of the Board's decision within 14 days of the meeting.

Successful applicants will be issued with one share in the Association, a copy of its Rules and a copy of its Shareholder Membership Policy.

The benefits of membership

The formal benefit of membership is that members may attend, speak and vote at general meetings and are able to stand for election to the Board. All members receive a copy of our Annual Report and Tenants Newsletter.