

WMSoc Affiliate Membership

**Your guide to
becoming an
affiliate member!**
www.wmsoc.org.uk



Who we are

The Water Management Society (WMSoc) is a not-for-profit organisation that works to improve standards within the water management industry by providing practical know-how and technical training solutions to individuals and companies.

Our expertise in Legionella, Water Treatment, and Water Hygiene training enables us to give the most up-to-date instruction on how to prevent Legionnaires' and other waterborne disease (such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) distribution within various water systems including cooling towers.

By gathering expertise from every sector of the industry, the WMSoc can offer informed and professional assistance in all matters relating to the responsible management of water in industry, commerce, and healthcare. We achieve this through our training courses, events, publications, and the **Waterline** journal.

Affiliate membership and its value

WMSoc Affiliate membership is available for not-for-profit organisations operating exclusively outside of the UK & Eire. We welcome organisations from all around the world, and from every aspect of the industry, to join WMSoc.

Being an Affiliate member gives your organisation access to a wide range of resources. Please note that all documentation provided by WMSoc will be based on UK guidance and will not be modified for the regulations of another country.

Affiliate membership entitles your members access to the following resources:

- *Electronic access to the member's portal on the WMSoc website*
- *Electronic copies of our quarterly journal, **Waterline***
- *Access to online webinars and events at member's rate*
- *Access to FAQ online*
- *Ability to ask a technical question (via your organisation only)*

N.B. If you are based within the UK & Eire contact us to discuss other ways that our organisations can work together.

Affiliate membership, a partnership

Affiliate members are partners of WMSoc with the goal of freely sharing information and knowledge between organisations. This includes, but is not limited to:

- *Publication of technical articles in WMSoc journal **Waterline***
- *Provision of technical articles for publication by affiliate organisation*
- *Publication of affiliate update quarterly in **Waterline** – to be provided by affiliate organisation*
- *Cross advertising of events and webinars to members*
- *Partnering on events and webinars with speaker slots made available where feasible*
- *Promotion of affiliate organisation to WMSoc members*
- *A separate licence agreement can be entered into to enable the affiliate member organisation to deliver WMSoc training courses within their territory*

How does it work?

Affiliate members will have up to five nominated central members who act as their administration team. This is charged at the base fee for affiliation. In addition, up to 500 nominated members may join the affiliated group for a per head fee (see latest fees online).

Each affiliate member, either from the administration team or additional members, will have access to the website via their own log in.

Technical questions should be passed via the affiliate central team so that any questions on local regulations can be answered locally. Any technical questions answered by WMSoc will be answered based on UK regulations and legislation only. Please note that questions to WMSoc that are posed by anyone outside of the central team will not be dealt with and will be returned to the affiliate organisation for review.

Please note that the use of the WMSoc logo is not permitted for any WMSoc member. Affiliate organisations will be provided with a WMSoc Affiliate logo, for use by the central team only, to market the affiliate relationship.



Becoming an Affiliate member

To become an affiliate member complete the application form detailing the aims and format of the organisation including names and contact details for the central team. These details will be reviewed by the WMSoc Membership Committee and approved by the WMSoc Council. From this, the central members will become non-elected affiliate members of WMSoc.

Once affiliation is approved, additional members may be added to the affiliate group at any time.

Membership is valid until 31st December each year, with renewal invoicing occurring on the 1st January each year. The price of Affiliate membership will be reviewed each year by Council and may increase in line with Group Membership for the year. Outside of the central team, additional members will be charged at the current fee (*see list of charges online*).

Please note that there will be no implied approval from WMSoc of the capabilities or experience of the affiliates and no certificate of membership, or designation, will be provided to them. Equally, these non-elected affiliate members are not entitled to vote in WMSoc affairs or stand for consideration to join the WMSoc Council.

Training Licence Arrangement

Under the affiliate programme, the affiliate organisation may licence WMSoc training course materials for delivery within their territory. Subject to approval by the WMSoc Council, access to training materials can only be approved when the affiliate organisation proves that:

- a. The training materials will not be shared in any capacity other than via training
- b. No modifications will be made to the training materials, except to pertain to local guidance
- c. WMSoc will be referenced as a source for the information shared
- d. WMSoc will not be liable for any changes made to the information shared
- e. No inferred certification from WMSoc, LCA, or City & Guilds for attendees of these courses in the local territory unless explicitly agreed
- f. Lead tutor will attend a scheduled delivery of the course at WMSoc training facility in UK for any practical courses, or via TEAMS or other virtual connection to discuss theory based courses, under agreement with Training & Accreditation Committee Chair



WMSoc CPD accreditation will be provided for each course, renewed annually.

Pricing for use of WMSoc courses will be decided on a case by case basis, under discussion with the Training & Accreditation Committee Chair.

The initial licence fee includes access to the training materials for the first year, attendance at a scheduled course and/or discussion with WMSoc tutor regarding delivery. For subsequent years a renewal fee will be due which covers continued CPD accreditation and an updated copy of training materials as these are regularly reviewed by the Training and Accreditation Committee.

Whilst we encourage students of affiliate organisations to become nominated members under the affiliate scheme this will not be enforced.

BECOME AN AFFILIATE TODAY!

**IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED
IN BECOMING
AN AFFILIATE
ORGANISATION,
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