

Membership Rules and Subscription Rates

Qualifications For Membership

Ordinary member – Rule 3(ii)

- (ii) (a) any person wherever resident who has served in the Colonial Service/Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service or a similar overseas service and is paid a pension in respect of such service;
- (b) any member of Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service who on resignation from the Service retained an entitlement to deferred pension in respect of that service, and any person who has served in a similar overseas service on like terms;
- (c) the spouse of any person in (a) or (b) above who is paid a pension under any statutory scheme or other provision connected with the deceased person's service;
- (d) the spouse of a member, being eligible on the death of the member to be a member under (c) above.

Associate member – Rule 3 (iii) – (iv)

- (iii) any person who, not being eligible for membership under Rule 3(ii), is interested in participating in or being associated with the Association's activities (other than relating to pensions) and who comes within one of the categories specified in paragraph (iv).
- (iv) The categories for the purpose of paragraph (iii) are as follows:-
 - (a) persons appointed or transferred to statutory corporations ("para-statal") in colonial territories on terms and conditions comparable to persons employed directly in Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service or a similar overseas service;
 - (b) persons who retired from Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service or a similar overseas service before completing the minimum period required to qualify for a pension;
 - (c) persons who were obliged or who chose to have 100% of their Overseas Service pension commuted to a lump sum;
 - (d) persons employed in Government service in colonial territories on overseas contract terms or temporary terms without any entitlement to pension;
 - (e) persons employed in Government service in colonial territories on local terms without any entitlement to a pension or gratuity and who live outside the territory or territories where they were so employed.
- 2. (a) the spouse of a member or an associate member;
- (b) the former spouse of a member or an associate member;
- (c) any adult child of a member or an associate member;
- (d) the spouse or adult child of a deceased person who, if alive, would have been eligible to be a member or an associate member.
- 3. In the discretion of the Council, any person who has a personal or professional interest in Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service, Colonial Service and colonial administration and development generally.

NOTE: Associate members have the same rights as ordinary members **except** that they may not serve on the Association's Council nor vote at General Meetings. They may attend and speak at General Meetings.

Subscriptions

The annual subscription rates are:

Overseas Service pensioners (or those with deferred entitlement)	£18
Associate members	£10
Widows and wives	£10

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Overseas Service pensioners and widows can have the subscription paid by deduction from the pension if paid by the DFID or the Crown Agents Bank. Otherwise payment can be made by Banker's Order, or by sterling cheque (or bank draft for persons overseas). Payment to be made to OSPA. We regret that we cannot accept credit cards, nor Direct Debit (these would require much more complex computer capacity and banking arrangements).

Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year.