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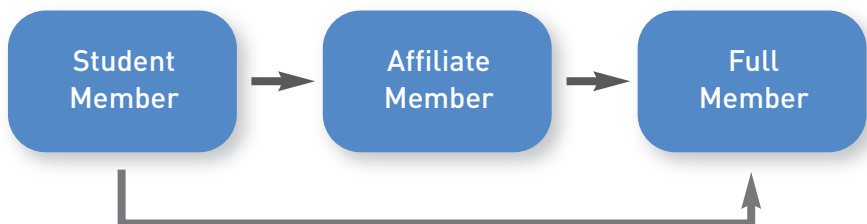
What is Full membership?

Full membership of Accounting Technicians Ireland allows you to join a professional accounting body that will assist and support your career development.

Once you pass your exams and obtain two years relevant work experience, you are eligible to become a Full member and to use the professional letters MIATI.

MIATI stands for Member of the Institute of Accounting Technicians in Ireland. It is a guarantee to employers of your professional standards and abilities. It tells them that you are fully qualified and have the relevant “on-the-job” skills to be an Accounting Technician.

Once you gain your work experience, you can proceed straight to Full membership. You do not have to become an Affiliate member first. Affiliate membership is an interim class of membership that allows you to maintain your links with Accounting Technicians Ireland while you work towards your work experience.



Why would I be interested?

There really is so much you can gain from becoming a Full member.

Greater recognition among employers

First and foremost, Full membership entitles you to use the professional letters MIATI after your name. This is a respected business accreditation valued by many employers. It tells them you have professional credibility and valuable work experience behind you. (If you have only completed the study element of our qualification you are not permitted to use these letters).

Increase your earning power

Full membership can boost your earning power and Full members often earn more than those who only complete the study element of the qualification.

Differentiate your skills with potential recruiters

Having the MIATI designation is a distinct advantage in the market place as it is seen by many recruiters as essential when they are hiring. Indeed, almost 95% of our most recent graduates who became Full members are currently working. This employment figure drops to 76% for those who just complete their exams without progressing towards Full membership.



Save money on a huge range of services

We offer a huge range of services at heavily discounted prices and availing of just one of these savings could justify your annual membership fee.

Keep your skills up to date

Full members have access to a large selection of discounted CPD courses that will keep your knowledge fresh and sharpen your business skills. This is extremely important for your development as an accounting professional and gives your employer or clients a guarantee as to your commitment to ongoing improvement.

Network with other professionals

Accounting Technicians Ireland has almost 5,000 Full and Fellow members across the island of Ireland. We are the only professional body to represent accounting technicians both north and south. Full members can connect with active local networks which organise a wide range of social and educational events.

What member benefits would I receive?

Accounting Technicians Ireland offers Full members one of the most extensive ranges of benefits and services of any professional body.

Industry recognition

Full members of Accounting Technicians Ireland are allowed to use the professional letters MIATI after their name. This is highly respected by many employers.

Job recruitment and advice

Accounting Technicians Recruitment is a specialist recruitment agency for members that caters to accounting professionals at all levels. Whether you are looking for a new job or just want advice on your career, we have trained recruitment consultants who can help you.

CPD training

We run a series of leading edge CPD training courses to help you grow professionally and enhance your career. The cost of these courses is heavily subsidised to give you some of the most cost effective training available in the market today. Our courses are run throughout the year at a number of different venues and we also offer a broad range of online courses.

Exemptions for further study

If you are considering further accounting studies, we can advise you on the various exemptions that are available. All the professional accounting bodies recognise the Accounting Technicians Ireland qualification and offer substantial exemptions to our members. These include bodies such as Chartered Accountants Ireland, ACCA, CIMA, and CPA, among others.



Travel and leisure discounts

Accounting Technicians Ireland provides members with an extensive choice of travel and recreational offers, as well as discounts for numerous sports, leisure and dining outlets.

Competitive insurance and banking offers

Members have access to highly competitive group schemes for car, home, professional indemnity and health insurance. They can also avail of competitive mortgage, savings and loan products.

Corporate offers

Members can also obtain corporate offers for their company or firm and can avail of competitive rates for relevant business products and solutions.

Networking and events

Accounting Technicians Ireland organise events through our local District Societies. These are networking groups which are run by members for members and they organise a wide variety of social and educational functions.

Member newsletter

Technical Matters is an online newsletter specifically for our members to keep you up to date with news, events, and industry developments.

Accountancy Ireland

Accountancy Ireland is Ireland's leading accountancy magazine published by our partner Chartered Accountants Ireland. Members can subscribe to it free of charge.

Member Diary

Members can get an annual pocket diary which has information on Accounting Technicians Ireland and details on how to access the member benefits that are available.

For full details on all of these benefits, please visit the Members area on our website:

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How do I become a Full member?

To become a Full member, you must have passed all your exams and completed at least two years relevant work experience within an accounting or finance environment.

To apply for Full membership please complete a Record of Work Experience form (which should be verified by a mentor) and send it with an Application for Membership form. Both forms are available on our website and should be submitted with an application fee of €175/£155.

We accept applications for Full membership twice a year. The first round of applications takes place in August and then there is a second round in October. Please see our website for the specific application dates that apply.

Once you have satisfied all the entry criteria, you will be invited to become a Full member and attend a graduation.

What is required for my work experience?

Work experience requirements are based on two years full-time employment (or the equivalent part-time) and can be gained at any time. If you have relevant work experience from a previous job, this can count towards your two years. Accounting Technicians Ireland will also recognise any relevant experience obtained while you are studying or after you have completed your exams.

All of your experience has to be signed off by a mentor who can verify that you have achieved all of the associated learning outcomes. To begin achieving your work experience, you will need to:

- find a workplace mentor (this can be your line manager, employer or a qualified accountant)
- gain two years experience in an accounting or finance related role(s)
- record your progress using the Record of Work Experience form and have this verified by your mentor
- submit your Record of Work Experience to Accounting Technicians Ireland.

Further information and a copy of the Record of Work Experience form is available on our website.

What areas should I have experience in?

Accounting Technicians Ireland has a flexible approach in reviewing the precise experience that you need to gain, given the wide variety of Accounting Technician roles. You are encouraged to gain experience in areas like:

- Accounting systems management (e.g.TAS/Sage)
- Budgeting
- Cash management
- Computer systems
- Costing
- Credit control
- Management accounting
- Payroll administration
- Preparation of accounts
- Purchases accounting
- Quality control
- Sales accounting
- Stock control
- Tax returns

Your mentor will be able to help you plan your work experience effectively, and Accounting Technicians Ireland will be able to assist with any queries you may have.



What if I am not ready to apply yet?

There is no time limit for you to apply for Full membership - you can submit an application whenever you are ready. We accept applications for Full membership twice a year, both in August and October. The specific application dates are available on our website.

What if I am still trying to gain work experience?

If you are still trying to gain your two years work experience, we suggest you start recording any experience you have already gained in your Record of Work Experience form. This will speed up any future application you make for Full membership and may avoid the need to approach former employers at a later date.

If you are not sure whether the work experience you have is appropriate, please contact our Member Services department and we would be glad to discuss it with you.

Can I stay on as an Affiliate member?

Yes, if you are not ready yet to apply for Full membership you can remain as an Affiliate member. This is easy to do – simply renew your annual subscription when it becomes due. This allows you to maintain your links with Accounting Technicians Ireland while you work towards your work experience requirements.

As an Affiliate member, you can avail of services that previously were not available to you as a student. Our website has information on the wide range of benefits that are available to Affiliate members. Please note that Affiliates are still prohibited from using the professional letters MIATI as this is reserved solely for Full members.

What if I am continuing my studies?

Having completed your Accounting Technicians Ireland exams, you may decide to continue studying with some of the other professional accounting and taxation bodies.

Becoming a Full member will support you during the next stage of your professional training. You will be able to enjoy the benefits of belonging to a professional body immediately, without having to wait a few more years until you complete your studies. You have earned the right to use your professional letters now so why put it off any longer.

Furthermore, once you complete your training and become a professional accountant, we will give you an annual discount of 50% on your membership subscription fee.



What are the membership fees?

Like Students and Affiliate members, Full members pay an annual membership subscription. Similar to your previous subscription fee, this is payable each November and should be renewed annually to maintain your professional membership and benefits.

The current fees are:

	€	£
Student member subscription	95	85
Affiliate member subscription	110	95
Full member subscription	160¹	140¹

Can I spread the cost of membership over the year?

Yes, Accounting Technicians Ireland offers a direct debit facility to members. This allows you to spread the cost of your subscription over a number of instalments during the course of the year.

¹ Full members who also hold membership of another professional body receive a 50% discount on their annual subscription fee.

Further Information

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