

# Amendments of the Articles of Association of the Council – Statement of Changes

Existing		Proposed	
3.3	Ordinary membership	3.3	Ordinary membership
Council require (a)	er to be eligible for ordinary membership of the l, a person must satisfy the following ments, namely:  He, or the entity represented by him, must have been an associate Member of the Council for at least three years.  He, or the entity represented by him, must have, to his or its credit, during the three financial years immediately preceding, average exports in respect of the product of not less than the amount mentioned below:	, ,	An associate member, or the entity represented by him, shall automatically become an ordinary member after completion of one year of associate membership subject to achievement of exports as per clause (b), unless he declines the ordinary membership in writing in which case he will continue as an associate member till he chooses to.  He, or the entity represented by him, must have, to his or its credit, exports in the year in respect of the product of not less than the amount mentioned below:
	(i) MSME Rs. 30 Lakhs		(i) MSME Rs. 30 Lakhs
	(ii) Others Rs. 50 Lakhs		(ii) Others Rs. 50 Lakhs
(c)	On becoming eligible to become an ordinary member, it is incumbent upon the Associate member to apply to the Committee of Administration in the prescribed format expressing his willingness to become an Ordinary member.		
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membership, indicate giving reasons therefore, the Panel in which he wishes to be primarily registered and the other panel or panels with which he also wishes to be associated. The admission of an Associate Member as primary member of a Panel shall be decided by the Committee of Administration or any other Committee or Sub-Committee to which powers therefore are delegated by the Working Committee. In case, a member decides to be also associated with other Panel/panels such member will pay such additional fees per annum for each additional Panel, as may be determined by the Working Committee, from time to time.

(iv) Once members are enrolled under various Panels, changing to other Panels will not be permitted except after an interval of two years. Applications for such changes shall be made to the Council, giving reasons therefore, within two months of the beginning of the year. The Working Committee or any other Committee or Sub–Committee to which power therefore are delegated by Working Committee shall decide such requests for changes of membership of Panels.

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- (v) EEPC India will inform the member at the time of admission that, he, or the entity represented by him shall automatically be upgraded as an Ordinary member after completion of one year as associate member subject to achieving the exports value mentioned under Clause 3.3 (b).

### 9.2 Conversion into Associate membership

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#### 10.1.2. Eligibility of Ordinary Members for Election

Only an Ordinary Member shall have the right to vote at, or to offer self as a candidate at elections to various positions in the Council.

A candidate for election to any position in the Council must satisfy the following conditions, namely:

- (a) He, or the entity represented by him, must have, to his or its credit, during the one financial year immediately preceding, exports of the products of not less than the amount mentioned below:
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- (b) he applies to be adjudicated as an insolvent;
- he is adjudged as an insolvent; (c)
- (d) he is convicted by a court of an offence and is sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than six months:
- he absents himself from three consecutive (e) meetings of the Working Committee or from meeting of the Working Committee for a continuous period of three months whichever is longer, without obtaining leave of absence from the Working Committee;
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(g)	he becomes disqualified by an order of the court under Section 203 of the Act;	(g)	he becomes disqualified by an order of the court under Section 203 of the Act;
(h)	he acts in contravention of Section 299 of the Act;	(h)	he acts in contravention of Section 299 of the Act;
(i)	his nomination is withdrawn by the Council's member or the organization by which he was nominated;	(i)	his nomination is withdrawn by the Council's member or the organization by which he was nominated;
(j)	he leaves the member company/organization;	(j)	he leaves the member company/organization;
(k)	he ceases to hold the designation in the member concern/company as required under Article 5(a) of the Articles;	(k)	he ceases to hold the designation in the member concern/company as required under Article 5(a) of the Articles;
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	nominee was elected; and		nominee was elected;
(m)	if the organisation ceases to be a member of the Council.	(m)	if the organisation ceases to be a member of the Council;
		(n)	if it is proved that the member provided false declaration or concealed relevant information for the determination of eligibility for the election to the Working Committee;