**Membership Application - Accredited Photographer (UK)**

Applicants must be photographers with at least two years of proven professional practice, whose clients are commercial buyers or professional commissioners of photography.

**Cost of membership is £410.00 p.a. (inc. VAT) when paid annually or £34.50 if paid monthly. You are committed to 12 months membership if paying monthly.**

Please complete, sign and date this form and email it together with any necessary attachments in support of your application to: info@the-aop.org.

You should include a passport-sized photo (jpeg), which we will place in your records and on your membership card.

If you are using a discount code, please enter it here:

If you are successful, you will be invoiced for your first year’s subscription. If you choose to pay your subscription in monthly instalments, please bear in mind we require the first month’s instalment before we can activate your membership.

Applicant Details:

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| Name: |  |
| Business name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Post code: |  |
| Mobile number: |  |
| Other number: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| **Your website:** |  |
| Agent’s website:\* |  |
| Nationality: |  |
| Gender (male/female): |  |
| Date of birth: |  |
| The year you became a professional photographer: |  |
| Photographic training:(Please use an “X” if applicable, or describe if Other) | College  | University  |
| Self-taught  | Apprentice/Assistant |
| Other  |
| Introduced by\* AOP Photographer’s name: |  |
| Reason for joining AOP: |  |
| Payment frequency: please ✓ | Annual |  | Monthly |  |

**\* If applicable**

**Application requirements**

**Expectation:**

Your work must show a level and standard that meets the expectations of commercial buyers and professional commissioners of photography and is consistent with having been a professional photographer for more than 2 years.

**Supporting Documentation:**

We require you to submit an **electronic portfolio** of your work, together with documentation to support **your choice of 2** of the remaining requirements shown below.

**Electronic portfolio -** The portfolio that you submit should contain 15 images and be a mixture of commissioned and personal work. Each commissioned image must be accompanied with information on where/how the image was published. We also require your website address for the panel to review.

**Image specifications -** Each image must be no greater than 800 pixels along the longest edge and the file format we require is jpeg with low compression (level 10 quality is recommended) in sRGB colour space and at 72ppi.

**Remaining Requirements (please choose 2 of the following):**

1. **Tear-sheets:** Copies or screenshots of at least 10 examples of your published work. If a commissioned section is clearly visible on your website, on a case by case basis, the review panel will accept this in lieu of tear-sheets.
2. **A recommendation to be given by ONE of the following six:**
* An current AOP Photographer
* An Agent
* A Publisher
* A Stock Library
* A Gallerist or Photographic Consultant
* A Client (Art Buyer or Art Director)
1. **Commissioning contracts/purchase orders:** A copy of a recent contract or purchase order together with a list of at least 3 others (that can be produced if requested). These may be contracts with publishers, stock libraries, galleries, your commercial clients or with your agent.
2. **Library Sales reports:** Covering the last 12 months (value of sales not required).
3. **Gallery Sales reports**: Covering the last 12 months (value of sales not required).
4. **CV of Exhibitions:** Work shot post-education and exhibited in commercial/professional gallery venues only.

**Terms and conditions:**

I wish to apply for membership of the Association of Photographers (AOP) and agree to abide by the Articles of Association, the Code of Practice and the Members’ Charter, and will act at all times in accordance with the principles of professional and ethical conduct established therein (available <http://the-aop.org/about-us/members-charter>).

I understand that my membership is for a minimum period of 12 months, to be renewed annually thereafter and that payment for membership will be paid within 30 days of being invoiced for payment.

By joining the AOP I agree that I consent to allow the AOP to store and process information about me and my business and that I agree that the AOP may contact me on the legal bases of legitimate interests and under the contract of membership. I agree that I may withdraw my consent to receive marketing materials but that the AOP may continue to contact me about administrative matters.

If I wish to resign from the AOP, I will do so by writing to the Membership Services Administrator and if I do so within 30 days of receiving my renewal invoice, I will not incur any additional costs, otherwise failure to do so will render me liable to pay the annual subscription in full.

If payment is not received within 90 days, membership will be terminated but without prejudice to such rights the AOP may have in respect of unpaid fees.

**Please sign or enter your name in the signature field to show that you accept the terms and conditions.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The AOP will hold your personal data on its computer database. This information may be accessed, reviewed and used by the AOP for the purpose of running future events you may choose to enter or attend, and for market research. The AOP may also periodically send you information on events or marketing that may be of interest to you.

(Opt-in) If you are happy to receive such information, please tick here:

The AOP does not supply the contents of its databases to any third party.