

Overview Eligibility

Starting this module

This module sets out the information you should provide about the members or classes of members eligible to participate in your scheme.

When considering a proposed scheme, we use this information to determine whether the scheme meets the requirements of the professional standards legislation.

Schemes for corporate members only

If your association has only corporate members or plans to propose a scheme with only corporate members, contact us before you begin your application.

We may consider this type of scheme, but you will need to show us that you have a robust regulatory relationship with your members. This type of relationship includes:

- corporate members managing conflicts of interest effectively
- your association devolving regulatory responsibilities for your members' employees to the members (usually through an enforceable membership agreement)
- your members having effective professional risk management strategies, with codes of ethics or conduct, disciplinary systems and consumer complaint systems.

Understanding how we use member eligibility information

When assessing your application, we consider how broadly the scheme will apply across your association's members. This will help us understand:

- what proportion of members the scheme applies to and the context for this
- the scheme's potential to protect consumers and improve occupational standards.

Completing the questions

Enter the required information about your association into the Eligibility template.

Use the Eligibility guidance to help you.