

Thank you for your enquiry about joining the Professional Photographers Association of Northern Ireland (PPANI). We look forward to welcoming you as a member of this exciting and forward thinking Association.

The PPANI was formed in February 1966 for full time professional photographers to keep in touch with the latest trends in the photography market place and continues today with many marketing initiatives and PR strategies to keep the profile of its members in the buying public's eye.

The most successful of the recent initiatives has been the PPANI website (www.ppani.co.uk) and the PPANI Annual Gala awards and book.

The PPANI website allows members to upload photographs to their own profile and update the site with their own news and features. The site currently attracts over 150,000 page views per month and to date has attracted over 27,000 unique visitors and has provided a steady stream of enquiries and subsequent business to our members.

Benefits of Membership (Full members)

- Your own page on the PPANI website which you can update yourself
- Regular Industry news via our monthly eNews
- Regular seminars covering all aspects of a professional photographic business (3 full day seminars are included in your membership subscription)
- Fantastic support and Networking opportunities
- Part of a campaign of public awareness about the benefits of using a professional photographer, and in particular a PPANI photographer.

To become a full member of the Association, you **MUST** be a full time professional photographer. You first apply to become a probationary member of the Association, allowing you to attend all meetings and seminars. Within 12 months of joining as a Probationary member you have to submit a panel of images for assessment to become full members of the Association. The cost for Probationary membership is **£155.00** for the year.

Please note: Only full members can use the symbols/logo and receive full benefits of PPANI membership including the profile on the website.

If you are a member of the IPPA, MPA or BIPP and hold the qualification of Associate or above you can automatically apply for full membership of the Association and enjoy full benefits of membership with no need to submit a panel of work for assessment. Full membership costs **£220.00** for the year.

To join, please complete the enclosed membership application form and return it, with the appropriate fee to the Hon. Secretary or myself. If you wish to pay by credit card you can use our Paypal account at www.ppani.co.uk/fees

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Professional Photographers Association of Northern Ireland

Application for membership

*Please complete this form and return together with the appropriate fee to the Hon. Secretary.
Your attention is drawn to extracts from the PPANI Constitution & rules on the reverse of this form.*

I wish to apply for Membership of the Association:

Qualified Probationary Trade International Auxiliary

1. To be completed by ALL applicants

Name:

Business Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Home Address:

Postcode:

Home Telephone:

VAT Reg. Number:

Are you employed / Self Employed
If Employed please state present Employer:

2. To be completed by those apply for Qualified and Probationary Membership

Give details of how you entered the profession (*College, Apprenticeships, Part-time etc.*)

Photography Qualifications or Examinations held:

Give details of your membership of other Photographic Associations, if any:

Type of photography you are engaged in:

How long have you been in business as a full time Professional Photographer?

Name of TWO Photographic Trade references:

Name of Proposer:

Name of Seconder:

(both must be Qualified members of PPANI)

3. To be completed by ALL applicants:

I wish to be admitted to the Professional Photographers Association of Northern Ireland. I have read the extracts from the constitution and rules, agree to abide by them, uphold the principles and ethics represented by the PPANI and agree to return all Plaques, Certificates and other PPANI property if my membership is terminated.

I enclose a remittance of £ Stg (*Cheques made payable to PPANI*) or
I have paid via the PPANI website at www.ppani.co.uk/fees

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Please note: If accepted as a Probationary member, applicants MUST attend 75% of all PPANI events / meetings during the Probationary period.

Extracts from the Constitution & Rules of the Professional Photographers Association of Northern Ireland.

3a. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Membership of the Association shall comprise of the following categories: Qualified, Probationary, Trade, Auxiliary, Retired, International and Honorary.

3b. QUALIFIED MEMBER.

Any Professional Photographer engaged in the production of photographs, who shall be in business, either on his own behalf or in partnership, or shall be employed by any person, firm or company shall be eligible for Qualified Membership of the Association. Provided always that any person, who is in full time employment other than that of photography, is not eligible for Membership.

Only Qualified Members of the Association shall use the Signs and Symbols of the Association and the title "Member of the Professional Photographers' Association of Northern Ireland", in connection with their own name in their business.

Only Qualified Members have voting rights and can serve on council.

Qualified Membership of the Association shall be taken to indicate agreement: -

To exclude from casual employment in an operating capacity, any persons who are not themselves bone fide Professional Photographers, or who are in remunerative employment other than as bone fide Professional Photographers.

Not to pass on work to or recommend the services of any persons who are not themselves bone fide Professional Photographers, or who are in remunerative employment other than as bone fide Professional Photographers.

(i) LICENTIATE (L.P.P.A.N.I.)

Any person wishing to become a Licentiate of the Association, must first apply for Probationary membership. If accepted as Probationary Member, application for Licentiate must be made within a period of one year from the date of acceptance as Probationary Member.

(ii) ASSOCIATE (A.P.P.A.N.I.)

Any person wishing to upgrade to become an Associate of the Association must be a Licentiate for at least one year. Members of the IPPA, BIPP or MPA who hold an Associate qualification with that body may apply on the prescribed form to become an Associate of the PPANI without submitting a body of work for assessment.

(iii) FELLOW (F.P.P.A.N.I.)

Any person wishing to upgrade to become a Fellow of the Association must be an Associate for at least one year. Members of the IPPA, BIPP or MPA who hold a Fellowship qualification with that body may apply on the prescribed form to become a Fellow of the PPANI without submitting a body of work for assessment

3c. TRADE MEMBER

Firms engaged in the supply of materials and services to the Professional Photographer may be accepted as Trade Member of the Association. The firm may nominate representatives to attend meetings.

3d. AUXILIARY MEMBER

Application for Auxiliary Member may be accepted from receptionists, darkroom assistants, workroom staff, and spouses of Qualified Members.

3f. INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

Application for International Member may be accepted from practising photographers who reside outside Northern Ireland, on the recommendation of Council.

4a. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

..... all persons applying for Membership of the Association shall forward their application on the prescribed form, together with a panel of examples of their work (if applicable) and appropriate Membership Fee to the Honorary Secretary.

The application shall be considered at the first available Council Meeting. If accepted, the names of the Applicant shall be inserted in the monthly circular following this Council Meeting, together with their Proposer and Seconder (if applicable), who should be Qualified Members of the Association and with who the Applicant should be personally acquainted. If the Applicant is not personally acquainted with Members of the Association, Council shall have the power to act as Proposer and Seconder.

Any Member having objection to the Applicant being admitted to Membership of the Association, shall inform the Honorary Secretary in writing ten days of the date of insertion in the monthly circular.

4b. The Council shall have the power not to admit to Membership any applicant who in the opinion of Council is considered to be unsuitable for Membership.