



## **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES, ENTITLEMENTS AND FEES (REVISED 27.11.2013)**

**Individual membership** is free and is open to all those individuals working or living in Member States of the European Union or the Council of Europe with an interest and preferably an involvement in language testing and/or assessment. It entitles Members to attend the Annual General Meeting and to vote on EALTA matters, and to a reduced fee for attendance at EALTA conferences.

**Expert membership** incurs a fee of 30 Euros per annum. It is an extension of Individual or Associate Membership, but is restricted to those who qualify as experts. 'Expert' signifies a person who can make informed professional judgements on various aspects related to language testing and assessment. Each candidate must normally fulfil the following requirements to qualify for Expert Membership of EALTA:

### Essential

- Higher degree in language testing or in a related field
- Documented participation in test design, development and validation of significant tests or public examinations
- Documented participation in research on some aspect of language testing and assessment
- Consultancies to organisations, institutions or projects
- Presentation of papers at professional conferences

### Preferred

- A doctorate in language testing or in a related field
- Teaching experience in language testing or a related field
- Articles on language testing - published in internationally recognised journals
- Books on language testing and assessment or a related field.

Additionally, two references must be provided on application.

The Membership Committee may with good reason use its discretion to admit Members who have not met fully the stated requirements.

Should the Membership Committee not approve an application, the applicant is entitled to receive a letter which explains the reasons for rejection.

Expert Members are entitled to all the benefits of EALTA Individual/Associate Membership and are also entitled to be listed on the EALTA website.

**Institutional Membership** incurs a fee of 150 per annum, and is open to those European institutions engaged in language testing or assessment, related materials development, or teaching or research in language testing and/or assessment.

International organisations/institutions that have a European presence (i.e. are based in one of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe or have branches in these countries) are eligible for Institutional Membership. If there are several such branches, these would be required to apply individually for membership.

Institutional Membership entitles the institution to discounted rates for membership of one Special Interest Group, and up to two representatives per institution to attendance at EALTA conferences at institutional rates. Institutional Members are entitled to be listed on the EALTA website.

**Associate Membership** is free and open to anyone involved in language testing and assessment who is not otherwise eligible to join EALTA. Associate Members can attend EALTA conferences at the full conference rate. They are also entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and to vote on EALTA matters, but are not eligible for membership of the Executive Committee.