



International Federation of
Compliance Associations

MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTUS

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Who We Are

The International Federation of Compliance Associations (IFCA) was formed in Dublin on November 23, 2010 and is the umbrella organisation for professional bodies that specialise in the practice of compliance. The objective of the organisation is to improve services to our respective members by pooling knowledge and sharing information on best practice regarding different business models and service offerings.

The **purpose of IFCA** is to be the global voice of the Compliance Profession and:

- the enhancement of member services of each IFCA Member organization;
- the coordination and development of programs and procedures designed to assist in the development of the compliance and business ethics profession;
- the development of standards for the mutual recognition of compliance and business ethics professional qualifications;
- the development of standards for the mutual recognition of compliance and business ethics standards; and
- the sharing of information regarding best practice business models and service offerings of IFCA Members.

Our **value proposition**:

- We give one global voice to compliance professionals and other stakeholders.
- We provide global professional recognition.
- We facilitate international professional networks and access to best practices.
- We use the power of the group to lead the compliance debate.

Our Members

Membership comprises national /regional compliance bodies from around the world that have been established for the benefit of their members.

**Five continents
connected
through
compliance.**



Membership of IFCA is open to any association of compliance professionals which:

Is a not-for-profit organisation

Is a membership based organisation

Whose objectives are aligned with the purposes of IFCA

While some countries may have more than one professional body representing the compliance and ethics profession, membership of IFCA is limited to **one** IFCA Member per country. Each IFCA Member warrants that it is active in, and has substantial member representation in, the country or countries.

Internationally Certified Compliance Professionals (ICCP)

Being a compliance professional requires the necessary knowledge, skill, experience, and commitment to continued professional development.

There are many core competencies and key areas of knowledge that are required, no matter the jurisdiction in which you are operating.

The IFCA, as a group, conducts comparisons between the certification programs and requirements of its member organisations and provides the added member benefit of recognition of equivalence if there is sufficient consistency between the various programs.

Currently members of the following IFCA member associations who have successfully obtained the noted accreditations or certifications from one member association, at the specified level, will be recognised by IFCA members as Internationally Certified Compliance Professionals (ICCP).



- **Certificación de Compliance CESCO** - Asociación Española de Compliance ASCOM (Spain)
- **Advanced Professional in Ethics & Compliance** - The ECOA (USA)
- **Certificación en Ética y Compliance** – Asociación Argentina de Ética y Compliance (Argentina)
- **Certified Compliance Professional** - The Korean Fair Competition Federation (South Korea)
- **Compliance Practitioner** - Compliance Institute Southern Africa (South Africa)
- **Certified Compliance Professional (CCP)** and/or **Certified Compliance and Risk Professional (CCRP)** or higher: The GRC Institute (Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong & Singapore)
- **Licentiate member** of the Association of Compliance Officers in Ireland (LCOI) - Association of Compliance Officers in Ireland (Ireland)



IFCA Membership Criteria

The acceptance process of new members will have two phases:

Phase 1

Initial acceptance as a Provisional IFCA Member without voting rights.

- The applying Association should be open to and preferably have legal entities and individuals as members.
- Consideration will be given to a balance between private corporations, government agencies or entities (totally or partially owned) and not-for-profit organizations.
- Consideration will be given to maintaining a balance between, consultants or law firm personnel and people that work in an organization as a compliance professional or practitioner.
- Demonstrate a focus on compliance-related education / promotion of compliance culture / professional development and certification of compliance officers.

Phase 2

Final acceptance as a Full IFCA Member with voting rights.

- Provisional member should demonstrate progress on its work plan and the achievement of its objectives and evidence growth in its membership as well as in diversifying its composition, e.g.:
 - a. Increase in the number of legal entity members;
 - b. Increase in the composition of individual members;
 - c. Number of specific initiatives completed to support each of the objective areas, i.e. education, promotion of compliance culture, development and certification of compliance officers;
 - d. Have an approved strategic plan.
- Provisional member must have attended and participated in all IFCA meetings.
- Members will verify if the applicant is the most representative association in the country.

Contact us

If you would like to join our international compliance community, please get in touch with one of our current Members or connect with our Secretariat via our website.

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