

Rules of Membership

Set out below are the Rules of the Compulsory Purchase Association (“the Association”). These have been drawn from the Constitution and from resolutions of the Committee of the Association (“the Committee”) from time to time. The Rules summarise the main provisions of direct relevance to Members and their Membership which are not otherwise contained in the Constitution.

- Rule 1: The current amount payable as an annual subscription by Members is £60.
- Rule 2: The current amount payable as an annual subscription by a Student Member is £10.
- Rule 3: The current annual payment as an annual subscription by a public sector organisation is £45 per person.
- Rule 4: All subscriptions shall be paid by cheque or BACS (although any standing orders in place at the date of these rules may continue).
- Rule 5: The subscription rate for any Member retiring or ceasing to be engaged in any professional activity or business shall be half of the current full annual subscription rate.
- Rule 6: Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the fifth day of January in each calendar year.
- Rule 7: Any person joining the CPA or paying their subscription after 1 August in any given year will not be eligible to take part in the Committee elections for that year.
- Rule 8: No Member, Corporate Member or Student Member shall be entitled to attend any meetings of the Association until any annual subscription due has been paid in respect of that Member, Corporate Member or Student Member.
- Rule 9: Any Member, Corporate Member or Student Member whose annual subscription is in arrears for five months shall be notified thereof. In the event of non-payment within one month of such notification, they shall cease to be a Member, Corporate Member or Student Member.
- Rule 10: Member and Corporate Members are allowed to call themselves Members of the CPA. Honorary Members are allowed to call themselves Honorary Members. No person shall call themselves a Member unless and until they are fully paid up or, where they have been suspended or expelled, so long as that suspension or expulsion continues.
- Rule 11: No Member, Honorary Member, Corporate Member or Student Member shall use the Association’s logo on any literature, website or other media. For the avoidance of doubt, this rule does not prevent a member from referring to the fact they are a member of the Association on any literature, website or other media in accordance with Rule 10.
- Rule 12: Unless it is as a Member of the Committee, no Member, Honorary Member, Corporate Member or Student Member shall make any comment or representation to the press/media expressing or purporting to express a view on behalf of the CPA unless they have previously secured the written consent of the Committee to do so. Should any such member be approached by the press/media to express such a view or otherwise comment on the business of the CPA, they shall refer the matter to the Honorary Secretary who will liaise with the Committee in relation to any response.
- Rule 13: The CPA is a member organisation and encourages members to publicise the Association and its activities, however, no person shall use his or her membership of the CPA to imply that they have a particular level of skill, expertise or qualification in compulsory purchase or compensation law, practice or procedure.
- Rule 14: Members can claim expenses for undertaking CPA duties. Any such claim shall be in accordance with the guidelines in Appendix 1 of these Rules.

Appendix 1 - Members Expenses - Guidelines

- 1 Members undertaking CPA duties are entitled to make a claim to the CPA for the expenses incurred in undertaking that work. CPA duties are those requested by the national committee in order to carry out CPA's functions.
- 2 Members are encouraged to combine CPA duties with other work commitments so they are able to share the costs whenever possible.
- 3 Travel expenses will usually be limited to the cost of second class train travel, using any discount cards available.
- 4 Unless agreed otherwise, a Member shall send their claim to the CPA Administrator with appropriate written evidence of the expense and confirmation that:
 - (a) the expenses were accrued whilst on CPA duty;
 - (b) (if applicable) the costs are shared and with whom; and
 - (c) if the expense was incurred by a Member as part of a working group, that the CPA Chairman has authorised the claim (working groups frequently work remotely from the main committee and this will help keep an element of control and visibility on such expenses).
- 5 Any claim by a Member for expenses shall be made within 6 weeks of the date the expense was incurred. Where any claim is made outside this period, it shall only be payable at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 6 The CPA Administrator will keep an accrued annual log of all expense claims. The Honorary Treasurer can review expense claims and payments at any time. Any concerns of either the CPA Administrator or the Honorary Treasurer in relation to any expense claim or payment shall be raised and discussed with the national committee.
- 7 The expenses of officers, (ie Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer) and of working party Chairman, shall be reviewed at the end of each accounting year (or earlier if deemed appropriate) by the national committee.
- 8 IRWA accrued costs and expense sums over £200 must be authorised by the Chairman in advance of being incurred (save for expenses of the Chairman which shall be authorised in advance by the Vice-Chairman). Where such expenses are not authorised in advance they shall only be payable at the discretion of the Chairman (or, in the case of the Chairman's expenses, the Vice-Chairman).
- 9 In construing and following these guidelines, regard shall be had to the interests of the CPA as a whole.
- 10 These guidelines are not exhaustive and there may be times when departing from them are necessary and appropriate. However, this shall be only be permitted with the Chairman's authorisation.