

**THE ORGANISATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SRI LANKA (OPA)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the OPA is available to professional bodies qualifying under chapters 4.2(a), 16.5 and 116.6 of the OPA Constitution. Viz.

Chapter 4.2(a) states

Membership of the Organisation is open to professional bodies qualifying under Ch. 16.6 which

- i. Accept the objectives and principles of the Organisation, and
- ii. Passes a resolution to this effect at a general meeting.

Membership will be granted after a certified copy of the resolution aforesaid is deposited with the Secretary of the Organisation.

Provided that when applications are received for membership from more than one body in a single profession the Executive Council may select the body which it decides is the national Body representing the profession for membership of the Organisation”

Provided further that if an additional body of a profession already represented in the Forum seeks membership, such additional body shall not be admitted unless the Executive Council decided that it is the national professional body of such profession”

Chapter 16.5 states

A “Professional” means one who has undergone learning and training in a particular vocational discipline leading to a University Degree, or an equivalent qualification or recognition which entitles him to practice that discipline.

Chapter 16.6 states

“Profession” means avocation, in which a professional knowledge of some department of learning and training in a particular occupational discipline leading to a University degree or equivalent qualification or recognition, which is an entitlement to the practice of that discipline, is used in its application to the affairs of others, or in the practice of an art or science founded upon it.

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Application Received	Date	Signature of Centre Director	
Comments of General Secretary Approvals			
Secretary General	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Date	Signature of General Secretary
Membership Committee	Recommended/ Rejected	Date	Signature of Chairman, Membership Committee
Executive Council	Approved / Rejected	Date	Signature of Centre Director
Forum	Ratified/Rejected	Date	Signature of Centre Director
Applicant Notified of Decision		Date	General Secretary

