

Graduate Membership Application Form 2023

Equity is the trade union representing and supporting creative professionals and performers working across the entire spectrum of arts and entertainment.

If you've graduated from a course training for a career as an actor, stage manager, dancer, singer, choreographer, circus performer, stunt performer, theatre director or variety artist in the last two years you can join Equity as a graduate Member.

As a Graduate Member, you'll have access to all of the benefits associated with full Equity Membership at a 50% reduced subscription rate. Some of the core benefits of Membership are detailed in the adjacent column.

After two years have passed since you've graduated, we'll write to you about upgrading to Full Membership and help you through the process. Plus, for every year you've been a Student and Graduate Member you'll get £11 off the joining fee for Full Membership. To move to Full Equity Membership you will need to supply evidence that you've earned £500 from relevant work, unless you've trained on an Equity recognised course.

When you become a Graduate Member you're taking an important step into the profession. By being a part of Equity, you're joining a strong and influential organisation with more than 90 years experience of protecting the rights of artists and campaigning for positive change in the entertainment industry.

Equity (Membership Applications)

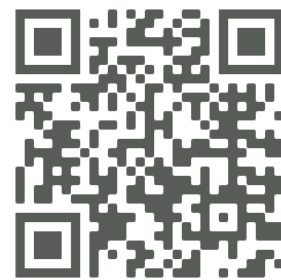
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Guild House, Upper St Martin's Lane London WC2H 9EG

Subscriptions are based on your previous tax year's gross income from your professional work, and in addition there is a one-off joining fee. Once you are a Member we will contact you annually about renewing your subscriptions. If you have any concerns about completing this form, or about the progress of your application, please contact membership@equity.org.uk

Thank you for applying to join Equity.

If you would like to join online please scan this QR code:



Benefits

Membership brings with it a range of benefits, see below for a selection.

Pay and conditions

Minimum terms and conditions across the entertainment industry and guidelines for work in areas where there are no representative bodies. Working under Equity terms is the best protection you can have.

Your professional name

We reserve this as long as it is not used by another Member. Names are crucial for the distribution of royalties and credits and casting clarity.

Campaigns

Successful national and international lobbying of employers, governments and other bodies on a wide range of issues that affect you.

Royalties and other payments

Each year Equity's Distributions Team distributes in the region of £12 million to Equity-contracted performers for usages of their film, television, radio drama and cast album recordings work. All television payments paid out by Equity are additional to standard repeat fees and programme sales, forming a valuable supplementary income stream for performers.

Contract enforcement

Where it is believed that there are outstanding royalties and/or residuals from productions made on Equity contracts, we investigate, recover and distribute these monies.

Legal support

Free legal advice and support in disputes over professional engagements including contracts and personal injury claims. If we take on a case we pay the legal fees and the member receives the full amount of any court award.

Public Liability Insurance (PLI)

Graduate Equity Members automatically have up to £10 million in PLI. Members can print off a personalised Public Liability Insurance certificate from the Equity website.

Accident and backstage insurance

Equity Members are automatically covered for accident and backstage insurance which operates overseas as well as in the UK if you are usually resident in the UK.

Personal pension

The Equity Members' Personal Pension Scheme is the only one into which theatre, radio and TV employers pay. You need to register (free) to take out an individual policy so you can give the number to employers.

Web: www.firstactinsurance.co.uk

Email: mail@hencilla.co.uk

Phone Number: 020 8686 5050

Social Security and Tax support

Free advice on National Insurance, tax, Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), welfare benefits and pensions.

Publications

The Equity Magazine is sent to all Members and has the latest updates from the union. Members also get other publications such as the diary.

The Application Form

1. Your details (please write very clearly)

A Professional (stage) name

Please note we cannot accept any application to use a professional name which is identical or similar to that of an existing Equity Member. Inserting a middle name or initial, or changing the spelling is also unacceptable e.g. Shaun P Connery would not be allowed. Your professional name will be your Equity name and is how you will be known in the industry. Many Members have their legal name as their Equity name.

You can provide two alternatives to your first choice here:

B Legal name (if different from above)

Male Female Trans Female/Trans Woman

Trans Male/Trans Man Non Binary/ Gender Non-Conforming

Other gender identity

D Date of birth

E National Insurance Number

F Permanent contact address

Post code

G Agency

H Nationality

2 Training

Have you had professional training? Yes No

If yes please complete the following

Name of institution

Name of course

Start Date

Date completed

Equity invitation/Student Membership Number (if appropriate)

Your Payment Fee:

I wish to pay my subscription:

Annually Half-Yearly Quarterly Monthly

1) Direct debit

Please complete the form on the next page. For example at the lowest annual subscription rate if you wish to pay monthly your payment will be £6.25. This amount takes into account £3 deduction across the 12 months for choosing to set up a direct debit. Please complete the direct debit form on the next page.

Please note that if your declaration of earnings is not accurate, this could prejudice any future claim that you might make against Equity's insurance policies.

2) Credit/debit card:

I authorise you to debit my credit/debit card

£

Visa/Mastercard/Maestro/Electron (delete as applicable)

Card no

£

Expiry Date

Valid From

Issue no (if applicable)

Security no

Name on card

3) Cheques:

This should be made payable to Equity and enclosed with your completed form. Please write your requested professional (stage) name on the back.

Your Subscription Rate

This is based on your gross annual income. Please see below and tick the relevant box.

Gross annual income	Annual subscription
Less than £30,000	<input type="checkbox"/> £78.00
Between £30,000 and £60,0	<input type="checkbox"/> £150.00
Between £60,000 and £120,000	<input type="checkbox"/> £480.00
Between £120,000 and £240,000	<input type="checkbox"/> £1,560.00
Over £240,000	<input type="checkbox"/> £3,120.00

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There is a £3 discount on any of the rates listed above when you pay by direct debit. Please fill in the Direct Debit mandate below to claim the £3 discount.

Declaration and Data Protection

I agree to share contact information including postal address, email address and phone number with the secretary of your local branch for the purposes of receiving direct communications from your local Equity Branch (you will be able to revoke this permission at any time)

Please note that there are some materials or emails we need to send out to you because we function as a trade union. This includes statutory notifications, annual accounts and ballot papers.

Notifications you receive (tick to opt out)

Receive emails, such as subscription reminders and the monthly newsletter. Opting out will also supersede your branch preference below.

Receive post, such as the Equity Magazine. If you opt out you may still receive the magazine when it includes statutory notifications, annual accounts or ballot papers.

Receive Branch emails, such as branch newsletters and meeting agendas. You will only receive mailings from the branch you are registered with.

Receive Branch post, such as branch newsletters where you have elected not to receive them by email. You will only receive mailings from the branch you are registered with.

Please fill in the whole form and send it to:

Equity, Guild House, Upper St Martin's Ln, London WC2H 9EG

Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager Bank/building society

Address

Postcode

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Bank/Building Society account number

Branch Sort Code

Service user number

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Reference

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay **Equity** Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee.

I understand that this Instruction may remain with Equity and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s)

Date

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Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account. This guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.



The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Equity will notify you 3 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Equity to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Equity or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Equity asks you to
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.