

Uganda Clearing and Forwarding Association – Membership Criteria

Introduction

Uganda Clearing Industry and Forwarding Association (UCIFA) is the umbrella and Apex body of all indigenous clearing and forwarding firms in Uganda with a membership of 226 Out of Over 380 Companies Licensed by Uganda Revenue Authority. Since UCIFA's inception in 1983, it has been the largest and oldest indigenous clearing and forwarding membership driven organization in Uganda with branches in Nakawa, Malaba, Busia ,Mbale, Entebbe, Katuna,Mpondwe,Vura,Elegu/Nimule and Mutukula.

UCIFA membership

Membership is open to legally established Clearing and forwarding Business .UCIFA draws its membership from the entire freight forwarding fraternity and private sector particularly the sector of: warehousing, Transporters, inland container deport, and Import-export Companies, small and medium enterprises. UCIFA membership is categorised according to the following:

1 .Corporate Membership-

- Membership fee-1,000,000 (paid once joining)
- subscription fee-1,000,000 (paid annually)

2. Premium Membership

- Membership fee-500,000 (paid once joining)
- Subscription fee-500,000 (paid annually)

3. Ordinary Membership

- Membership fee-300,000 (paid once joining)
- Subscription fee-300,000 (paid annually)

1. Corporate Membership

This is open to only private companies engaged in private activities like self clearance, manufacturers, Exporters, and Importers mainly the large tax Payers and their companies are Members of AEO- Authorised Economic Operators. The Executive Committee in considering a membership application for corporate membership in UCIFA, the Membership Committee

✓ Incorporation

-) Must have been in operation within Uganda for a period of not less than 3 years during which it has shown a desired level of integrity during its operations.
-) Must be a company in Uganda
-) Membership strength (e.g. financial base, number of staff , reputation e.t.c)
-) Must have physical and postal address

Benefits

- Enjoys both benefits of ordinary and premium Members,
- Representation UCIFA in the Regional/International meetings where EABC and JICA may need support,
- Participation in Regional and National logistics conferences
- Negotiation services with Clearing and forwarding fraternity partners,
- After three year membership, the option of serving on the Board for a year as a sub committee chair, before standing for National Chairmanship of the Association.
- Members are given gold certificate.
- Invitations for model URA training
- Regular mail communication updates on customs procedure notifications

2. Premium Membership

This is open to companies involved in clearing and forwarding as a subsidiary or secondary activity in Uganda such as car importers, Exporters and Mainly are Medium Tax payers. The criteria for Premium Membership include:

- a) The company is incorporated in Uganda.
- b) Must be in operation not less than 3 years.

Benefits

- All benefits of Ordinary Members,
- Can be voted on UCIFA board/Board of Trust,
- Can be Nominated on UCIFA committee,

3. Ordinary Membership

This category is open to only companies directly dealing in Clearing and forwarding business as their main core activity. These companies are Small tax payers and doing commercial clearance. The criteria for Ordinary membership include:

- Must be a company in Uganda
- All the Directors Must be Ugandan(indigenous people)
- Membership strength (e.g. financial base, number of staff , reputation e.t.c)
- Period of operation not less than one year
- Must have physical and postal address

Benefits

- A Member is give a privilege to attend all the training and skills development programs delivered by UCIFA,JICA/URA,
- Receives prompt information on industry news and updates,
- The ability to network with other government Agencies like PSFU,URA,NDA and UNBS
- Recognition as a professional Logistics industry service provider and practitioner,
- Membership Certificate for your company,
- Technical support during the licensing and official recognition on request in writing,

Privileges for members

Each member of UCIFA is entitled to one representative to business meetings and training. The representative shall be the member's Chairperson of the Board or his/her designee. The representative shall have full privileges of the UCIFA member services. Corporate and Premium Members may have more than one representation as observers to meetings and UCIFA events, but only one representative and one vote.

Corporate members have an opportunity of contesting on the post of Chairmanship for the Association within the first year of Membership, 2 years for Premium and 3 years for Ordinary.

*Other **UCIFA** member benefits are contained in the **UCIFA** membership benefit **BRONCHURE** or you can visit our website www.ucifa.com*

Note: The Executive Committee reserves the rights to refuse membership to any applicant, and to vary eligibility requirements for membership or upgrading from time to time and the cancellation of any membership if the same is sought for the better of the Association.