



Criteria for Membership of the Press Council of Ireland

The Press Council of Ireland will consider for membership any publication that, in the opinion of the Press Council, fulfils the following criteria:

1. The publication has been in existence for at least a year.
2. The publication can demonstrate a focus on Irish matters and advertising.
3. The publication is owned or produced by an individual or an entity that is subject to Irish law.
4. The publication accepts responsibility for everything it publishes and can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Press Council, that it has an appropriate independent journalistic and publication capacity
5. The publication can demonstrate respect for contract, copyright and defamation law and is committed to fair dealing.
6. The publication can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Press Council, that it has an adequate internal complaint-handling system.
7. The publication, if print-based, can supply independently verified evidence of its circulation and, if it is web-based, must submit independently verified evidence of its web reach (i.e. number of unique users on a daily, weekly or monthly basis as appropriate).
8. The publication accepts the responsibilities of member organizations of the Press Council as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Press Council of Ireland.
9. The publication agrees to abide by the Press Council's Code of Practice and its Publication Guidelines and to feature the Council's logo and contact details prominently and to the satisfaction of the Council in every print edition and on every website.
10. The publication agrees to pay such membership subscriptions in the amounts and on the dates determined by the Administrative Committee of the Press Council of Ireland.

Further information and details of membership fees can be obtained by contacting the Press Council at 01-6489130, or email info@presscouncil.ie



Application for Membership

Name and address of publication

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Editor

Frequency of publication

Date of first publication

Form of publication: National newspaper (please attach a recent copy)

Local newspaper (please attach a recent copy)

Magazine (please attach a recent copy)

Student magazine (please attach a recent copy)

Digital-only (please give web address)

Name and address of owner of publication

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(If the owner is a company under the Companies Acts, please attach a copy of the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.)

Application for membership, together with signed undertaking below, should be returned to The Secretary, Press Council of Ireland, 3 Westland Square, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 N567.



Undertaking:

If accepted to membership of the Press Council of Ireland, this publication undertakes to

- Abide by the provisions of the Press Council’s Memorandum and Articles of Association
- Abide by the provisions of the Press Council’s Code of Practice and the Press Council’s Publication Guidelines
- Feature the Press Council’s logo and contact details prominently in every print edition and on every website.
- Pay such membership subscriptions in the amounts and on the dates determined by the Administrative Committee of the Press Council of Ireland.

Signed on behalf of the applicant publication

Position Date

The publication will be deemed to be a member following acceptance of its application and upon payment of the relevant fee and subscription. The Press Ombudsman will consider complaints about articles published after the date the publication has been deemed to be a member.