

Criteria for Associate Membership of Dóchas

Organisations are eligible to apply to join Dóchas as Associate Members if they meet the following criteria:

- (i) Engage with or support Dóchas mission, and do not meet the criteria for full membership.
- (ii) Their international development programme focus and spend is less than 50% of their overall activities.
- (iii) Work in related, supportive or otherwise similar fields to that of Dóchas or of Dóchas Full Members (development projects, development education, emergency aid or volunteer sending).
- (iv) Agree to comply with Dóchas policies and Codes of practice.
- (v) Headquartered in Ireland (or, the Irish branch has substantial powers of decision-making in its own right, including control and disposal of funds and appointment of personnel).
- (vi) Are established in Ireland for at least two years.
- (vii) The organisation commits to upholding a commitment to the highest levels of accountability, including in relation to governance, financial management, safeguarding, and promoting positive images and messaging.

Associate Members may be: University departments or research centres, Colleges /other Third Level Groups or associations, Medical / Nursing organisations, charitable trusts and foundations, Trade Unions / representative organisations, private sector organisations or associations, Civil society / voluntary/ community organisations, other NGOs.

Important: If an organisation is eligible to be a Full Member it cannot apply for Associate Membership