

## Criteria for Full Membership of Dóchas

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

- (i) The applicant Non-Governmental Development Organisation (NGDO) should be non-profit making, non-governmental and non-partisan in its aims.
- (ii) The applicant NGDO should exercise its activities at a national, or in any case at a wider than local level.
- (iii) The applicant's primary focus, expenditure and resources are targeted at international development (such as overseas programmes and projects, development education, emergency aid or volunteering, member of international development coalitions).
- (iv) The organisation is headquartered in the State or in Northern Ireland, or, if it is not, the Irish branch has substantial powers of decision-making in its own right, including control and disposal of funds and appointment of personnel.
- (v) The organisation has been established in the State or in Northern Ireland for at least two years.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) The applicant agrees to comply with Dóchas policies and Codes of practice.

If organisations meet the above criteria they may pursue an application for Full membership of Dóchas.