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The Worshipful Company of World Traders is a modern, vibrant and active Livery Company working within a fine City tradition. Our membership comprises people from a diverse range of professions and backgrounds who come together at our social and business events to enjoy each other's company and exchange their thoughts and ideas. We are delighted that you have considered applying to join us. Please do feel free to contact us to ask questions or request further information. We might direct you in the first instance to please peruse our website – www.world-traders.org.

About This Application Form

This application form for admission as a Freeman to the Worshipful Company of World Traders attempts to:

- 1 – gain the basic information needed to assess your application;
- 2 – function as a means of ensuring that you have a good idea of what membership involves;
- 3 – provide the basic information we will share after admission with all members to get you started in your life with the Company.

This application is then used to arrange your membership interview. The interview process requires a traditional, 'complete', curriculum vitae, but this form also asks for certain areas to be summarised. If you have any questions about the form, please do feel free to contact the Clerk, Mrs Gaye Duffy, either by telephone: +44 (0) 1727 822181, or email: clerk@world-traders.org

Form Submission

When completed, this form should be emailed to the Clerk (clerk@world-traders.org), with a cc to your first sponsor and your seconder, accompanied by:

1 – a complete curriculum vitae of your own choosing (two or three pages is the suggested 'minimum', while 'maximum' is whatever is comfortable and easiest for you) which the membership interview panel will use during your interview. The curriculum vitae should provide details of your education, professional qualifications, employment history, voluntary work history, positions held, business associations, awards, publications, and other interests. A 'job interview' curriculum vitae is perfectly acceptable, or a relatively detailed LinkedIn profile that can be printed and which you feel describes you appropriately.

2 – a 'head shot' photograph (preferably colour) which you would find acceptable to be placed on the membership database on the Company website should you be admitted to the Company.



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You

Title of address, e.g. Sir, Professor, Dr, Sir, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss:

First name:

Middle name(s):

Surname:

Post-nominal letters or initials, e.g. KCB, CBE, MBE, OBE, or academic, e.g. PhD, MSc, BA, if you prefer to use them at formal occasions:

Preferred form of address, e.g. 'Bill' or 'Su' or nickname – Dear "X":

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

dd mm yyyy

Spouse/partner's name if relevant:

Nationality(ies):

Preferred description of occupation or expertise, e.g. "accountant", "medical doctor", "diplomat":

Female:

Male:



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Contact Details

Home Address:

Present employer:

Title/position:

Work Address:

Preferred address for correspondence:

Home

Work

Telephone:

Home:

Mobile:

Office:

Fax:

Twitter*:

LinkedIn*:

*The Company uses Twitter and LinkedIn for prompt communication and we would encourage you to register.

Special interests you might wish to highlight, e.g. charitable, sporting, intellectual (again, briefly):



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You & World Trade

The Company motto “commerce and honest friendship with all” was taken from Thomas Jefferson's inaugural Presidential speech. The Company is diverse and recognises that people involved in trade include exporters & importers, securities professionals, commodities traders, shippers, academics, diplomats, researchers, journalists, economists, translators, civil servants, trade bodies, and others. Could you please set out your personal interest in world trade below (no more than 250 words)?

Have you attended any World Traders' events?

Yes

No (If no, we would strongly suggest you do so before submitting this application)

If yes, which – Tacitus lecture(s), Tacitus debate(s), business luncheons, Installation Dinner, Election Dinner, Thanksgiving Service & Summer Lunch, Carol Service & Supper, Prospective Members' Evening, Little Ship Club drinks, other?

Do you feel you are sufficiently aware of the lifetime commitment to a livery company; the costs of joining and maintaining membership (i.e. the 'quarterage' and 'fines'); the expectation of reasonably regular attendance at Company events; and the expectation to support within your capabilities the Company's Charitable Trust on an annual basis?

Yes:

No: (we will arrange with your sponsor to ensure you are given the information you need)



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You & The City of London

Our Company is part of the 'livery movement', i.e. the 110 livery companies of the City of London. Part of the fellowship of the Company is to be part of the fellowship of the City. You will acquire experience of this as a member, but you may wish to ensure you have researched some background prior to your interview ('web' background is likely to be sufficient).

Are you -

Already a Freeman of the City of London?

Yes: Year of Admission: No:

Already a member of another Livery or City company or companies?

Yes, if so which:

No:

A member of a City of London ward club or clubs?

Yes, if so which:

No:



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Sponsors

Before you submit this form you and your sponsors should have firm arrangements with each other. Please do confirm, in advance, with your first and second sponsor that they are prepared to support your application. The Clerk will confirm with your sponsors that they have agreed.

First Sponsor:

How many years have you known your first sponsor?

Second Sponsor:

How many years have you known your second sponsor?

Other information – any other comments or special points you might wish to make to ensure that your application is properly evaluated?

DECLARATION & CONFIRMATION

If elected, I hereby solemnly and sincerely Declare and Affirm that I shall abide by and observe the Constitution, Ordinances and Bye-laws of The Worshipful Company of World Traders, support and assist the Master, Wardens, Assistants and my fellow freemen in the furtherance of the Company's aims and objectives in connection with world trading in all its aspects, and uphold the ancient law and customs of the City of London, which can be accessed at [this link](#).

I confirm that I am not an undischarged bankrupt, and that I have not been convicted of a criminal offence. (*Note: Applicants need not disclose convictions which are spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.*)

Signature (electronically type your name for now will do – you will be expected to provide a handwritten signature at your interview):

Date:

dd mm yyyy



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Timetable

- † 22 August 2017 Last date for receipt of application forms from sponsors
- 5 September 2017 Interview with Membership committee. Interviews normally take place in the late afternoon in the City.
- 3 October 2017 Suitable candidates recommended by the Membership Committee to the Court for approval. Candidates are NOT required to attend on this day.

Written notification of results posted to candidates as soon as possible after this Court meeting.

- 25 October 2017 New World Traders invited to attend Court meeting to formally receive the Freedom of the Company.

AFTER receipt of Freedom of the Company, members are able to apply for the Freedom of the City. This requires two visits to Guildhall, the first to make your application, the second, usually at least six weeks later, to receive the Freedom in a formal ceremony at the Chamberlain's Court.

Freemen are expected to apply to receive the Livery of the Company after they have received the Freedom of the City. Normally we would expect around a year to eighteen months to pass between a member being admitted as a Freeman and applying for the Livery, and during that time we would wish to see they had contributed to the Company's Charitable Trust and attended events as regularly as possible. *Clothing ceremonies* (to receive livery) normally take place at meetings before the four major events in the calendar; the Installation Dinner in October, the Members' Dinner in January, the Election Dinner in April and the Thanksgiving Service and Summer Lunch in June. The exact dates are to be found on the website. The dates on which you are able to receive the Freedom of the City (having first made your application) are determined between the applicant and the Chamberlain's Court, by mutual arrangement.

You will note from the above that it may take up to six months, or longer, between first making your application and becoming a Freeman. You will however be welcome to attend Company events from the time your application and has been received.

† Should you not be able to meet the timetable described above, then the next group of membership applications will be dealt with at the Committee and Court meetings taking place approximately three months later, and if you require dates of the meetings please contact the Clerk.



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Financial Commitment

A note for potential new members of the Company

The purposes of a Livery Company may be summarised as follows:

1. The furtherance of their trade or craft
2. Fellowship
3. Charitable

The Worshipful Company of World Traders achieves the first two of these with a full programme of events, both social and educational, and the first and last through a Trust fund which is used to support charities or educational institutions which have courses or connections with world trade. All require money.

Subscriptions to a Livery Company traditionally come in one of a number of ways:

1. **Quarterage.** This is effectively the annual membership fee, which falls due on 1st October each year. It is subject to review by the Court in July each year and in subsequent years you will be asked to pay by direct debit. (see note at foot of page*)

Quarterage for the year 2016/2017

For Freemen and Liverymen aged 36 and over quarterage has been set £345 per annum
For Freemen aged 35 or under quarterage is halved to £172.50 per annum

Quarterage will be charged at the full rate should any Freeman under the age of 35 become a Liveryman.

2. **Fines.** These become payable infrequently, when a significant event takes place in a member's career with the Company. The two fines which would concern you at this stage are the Freedom Fine and Livery fine.

Freedom fine (which is payable on being admitted to the Freedom)

For those aged 36 and over the Freedom fine is £250
For those aged 35 or under the Freedom fine is halved to £125.

Livery fine (which is payable when you progress to become a Liverymen)

The Livery fine is £500.

Note that fines are one-off payments, not demanded annually.

3. **Gift Aid.** As mentioned, a principal purpose of the Company is charitable and our Company, like most City Livery Companies, has established a Charitable Fund separate from the Company's funds for this purpose. Members, new and otherwise, are encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration and banker's order in favour of the Charitable Fund in whatever sum they can afford. You will be invited to do so on receiving the Freedom of the Company.

4. **Events.** As referred to, the Company organises a number of events each year, and at many of these guests are particularly welcome. They range from modest refreshment, perhaps after a church service or lecture, to the annual Installation Banquet and Election Dinner. Members pay for the events they choose to attend, and of course for their guests. The exception is the annual World Traders' Tacitus Lecture which is paid for by the Company.

Note. If your application is successful you will be asked for your Freedom Fine and Quarterage as outlined above which will need to be paid before your admission.