

INDIAN METAL BUILDING FORUM

IMBF

Connecting India's Metal Building Ecosystem

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MEMBERSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IMBF Membership: Frequently Asked Questions

Who can join, Founding Membership and how to apply

Connect the Industry

Share Knowledge

Raise Standards

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1 ABOUT IMBF

Q1. What is the Indian Metal Building Forum?

IMBF is an independent, vendor-neutral professional body for India's metal building and pre-engineered building (PEB) industry. Its tagline is "Connecting India's Metal Building Ecosystem".

Q2. What is the 5C framework?

Connect, Collaborate, Create, Construct, Certify+. It describes how IMBF brings the industry together: linking people and companies, working jointly, building shared knowledge, improving how buildings are made, and recognising competence.

Q3. Is IMBF linked to any manufacturer or supplier?

No. IMBF is vendor-neutral. It does not represent or promote any single company.

Q4. How is IMBF constituted?

IMBF is structured as a Society and as a public charitable Trust. Membership sits under the Trust.

2 WHO CAN JOIN

Q5. Which membership categories can I apply under?

Ten categories: Corporate / Company; PEB / Metal Building Manufacturer; Fabricator / Erector; Supplier / Vendor; Associate Member; Individual Professional; Consultant; Student; Educational Institution; Research / Technology Institution.

Q6. Which category should a company choose?

Choose the one that best describes your main business: PEB / Metal Building Manufacturer, Fabricator / Erector, or Supplier / Vendor. Use Corporate / Company if none of these fits.

Q7. Who are Supplier / Vendor and Associate members?

Companies that supply the metal building industry, for example cranes, welding consumables, fasteners and paint manufacturers.

Q8. I work in the industry as an individual. Which category is for me?

Individual Professional, for people working in design, detailing, fabrication, erection, QA/QC, welding, project management and similar roles. Independent advisers and consulting engineers can choose Consultant.

Q9. Can students and colleges join?

Yes. Students join under Student. Colleges, universities and training institutes join under Educational Institution, and research and technology bodies under Research / Technology Institution.

3 FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Q10. What is Founding Membership?

It is the membership offered in IMBF's launch year. Members who join now are First-Year Launch Members.

Q11. What does Founding Membership cost?

Nothing. The Founding Membership is complimentary for the first year.

Q12. What happens after the first year?

IMBF will communicate the future membership structure and benefits before the founding membership period concludes. You can then decide whether to continue.

Q13. What is the planned annual fee for companies after the first year?

By number of employees, as below. IMBF will confirm the final structure before the founding period concludes.

Number of employees	Planned annual fee
Up to 10	Rs 2,000
11 to 50	Rs 5,000
51 to 100	Rs 10,000
101 to 500	Rs 50,000
More than 500	Rs 1,00,000

Q14. Why does IMBF ask for our number of employees?

The employee band on the application decides which future fee band applies to a company member.

Q15. What will individuals, students and institutions pay after the first year?

This will be part of the future membership structure that IMBF communicates before the founding period concludes.

4 APPLYING

Q16. How do I apply or contact IMBF?

Visit www.indianmetalbuildingforum.com for the application route and contact information.

Q17. What happens to my application?

It moves through these stages: Submitted (received by IMBF), Under Review (being checked), then Approved or Rejected. An approved member becomes Active.

Q18. What does "Renewal Due" mean?

Your membership period is ending and it is time to renew. IMBF will tell you the terms before the founding period concludes.

5 RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

Q19. Do members have voting rights?

No. Because membership is under the Trust, no member of any category has voting rights. IMBF is governed by its Trustees.

Q20. What do members get?

Members become part of a national network across the metal building industry and are connected to the IMBF Resource Centre, which publishes technical knowledge such as failure case studies, fabrication guidance and QA/QC checklists. The full benefits for each category will be communicated before the founding period concludes.

Q21. Does membership certify my company or my competence?

No. Membership shows that you belong to the forum. It is not a product approval, a quality certification or a licence, and must not be presented as one.

Note. This FAQ is a summary for general information. The IMBF Trust Deed, Bye-Laws and membership rules govern. Where this FAQ and those documents differ, they prevail.