



MEMBERSHIP-
GUIDELINES

PERFORMERS

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1. BACKGROUND

This Guideline contains terms and conditions that supplement the terms and conditions stated in the Membership Application Form and shall form part of the membership terms of RPM Membership as outlined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Any artist, musician or person entitled to any Performers' Right with at least one (1) commercially released sound recording.
- 2.2 A Malaysian citizen or a person with Permanent Resident ("PR") status in Malaysia who holds an Identity Card (MyKad).
- 2.3 A non-Malaysian citizen or PR with a valid passport, but whose performances-
 - (i) Takes place in Malaysia;
 - (ii) Is incorporated in sound recordings that are protected under Performers' Right; *or*
 - (iii) Has not been fixed in a sound recording but is included in a broadcast qualifying for protection under Performers' Right.
- 2.4 The Member's Mandate & Declaration must be signed and received by RPM. Admission to become RPM's member will be at the Board's discretion.

3. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

- 3.1. The RPM Membership Application Form can be accessed online at www.rpm.my.
- 3.2. To complete the registration, the applicant must provide the following:
 - (i) One (1) copy of NRIC / Passport / Birth Certificate
 - (ii) One (1) most recent passport sized photograph
 - (iii) One (1) copy of Album / EP Cover / Proof of Commercial Recording
 - (iv) One (1) copy of Biography / Discography
 - (v) One (1) copy of Banking Instruction Form (attached with one copy of bank statement header)
- 3.3. The completed application form with all supporting documents can be submitted:
 - (i) In hard copy to the RPM office, *or*
 - (ii) Electronically by email



4. TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

4.1. Performers

- (i) Performer Membership is on an individual basis.
- (ii) If performers team up as a band, each member needs to apply individually.

4.2. Successor membership

- (i) Any successor of a deceased performer member is required to apply for admission as successor member within three (3) years of the performer's death.
- (ii) Only one (1) successor member to be elected to represent to join RPM as a Successor Member and received the royalties for the deceased performer member.
- (iii) For Muslims – The successor must provide the following:
 - a) One (1) copy of Fara'id Certificate from Syariah Court on Distribution of Assets.
 - b) One (1) copy of Statutory Declaration, signed by all beneficiaries (per Fara'id Certificate) appointing the Successor to represent them to join RPM as a Successor Member.
 - c) If not available, provide one (1) copy of the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration issued by Court.
- (iv) For Non-Muslims – The successor must provide one (1) copy of the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration that is valid in Malaysia.

4.3. Minor/Parental membership

- (i) For performer members who are below 18 years of age, the Minor/Parental membership category applies.
- (ii) The minor performer must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to apply for membership.
- (iii) The parent or legal guardian will act as the authorised representative and signatory for the minor performer's membership application and all related matters.
- (iv) Once the minor performer reaches 18 years of age, they will need to re-apply for membership under the regular Performers category and provide all required documents independently.

5. ENTITLEMENT OF MEMBERS

- 5.1. An Associate Member shall automatically become an Ordinary Member if they meet the qualifying criteria for royalties received during the preceding financial year, as determined by the Board.
- 5.2. An Ordinary Member shall automatically become an Associate Member if they fail to meet the qualifying criteria for royalties received during the preceding financial year, as determined by the Board.
- 5.3. Only Ordinary Members shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting, which may be exercised by the Ordinary Member either personally or by proxy. On a vote by show of hands, every Ordinary Member shall have one vote. On a poll, each Ordinary Member shall have one vote plus an additional one vote ("weighted vote") for each complete unit of RM1,000 in royalties received during the preceding financial year. However, no Ordinary Member can exercise more than 10% of the total votes of all Ordinary Members.

Category	Associate Member	Ordinary Member
Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured Performers• Non-featured performers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured Performers• Non-featured performers
Attend AGM	Yes	Yes
Vote	No	Yes

*** Featured Performers (FP) include singers, main vocalists, bands and groups*

***Non-featured performers (NFP) include musicians, session musicians, backing vocals, etc.*

6. ROYALTIES TRANSFERRED TO THIRD PARTY

Members are allowed to transfer their royalties to another individual's name, provided that the following requirements are satisfied:

- (i) Submit one (1) copy of Statutory Declaration ("SD") specifying the details of the transfer, including the new bank account information.
- (ii) Provide one (1) copy of Banking Instruction Form (attached with one copy of bank statement header).

7. ENTRY FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION

There is no entry fee required for joining RPM.





8. MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIPS

RPM does not allow multiple memberships for the same rights. Performers who are members of other collecting societies that administer or manage the same rights as RPM will not be accepted as members.

9. TERMINATION

- 9.1. Any existing members of RPM who wish to terminate their membership, need to send the termination letter to RPM. The termination will be effective six (6) months from the date of the prior written notice.
- 9.2. A member shall cease to be a member of RPM and his/her name shall be removed from the Register of Members.

10. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Any former member who wishes to reinstate their membership must apply for a new membership and submit the required application. The joining date for the reinstated membership will be the same as the date the new membership agreement and signed Member's Mandate are received by RPM.

