

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE DGNB (GERMAN SUSTAINABLE BUILDING COUNCIL – GESBC)

(Applicable from 1 January 2016)

Part 1: Ordinary membership

Categories*	annual membership fee in € (net)
A) Consulting and design firms	
A0: 1 employee	250
A1: 2 to 5 employees	550
A2: 6 to 20 employees	1,100
A3: 21 to 100 employees	2,200
A4: more than 100 employees	5,500
B) Private businesses (whose business does not fall within category A)	
B1: up to € 500,000 in revenue**	550
B2: > € 500,000 to 10 million in revenue**	1,100
B3: > € 10 to 100 million in revenue**	2,200
B4: more than € 100 million in revenue**	5,500
** Revenue is defined in accordance with clause 275 section 2 of the German Commercial Code as sales revenue from the previous year	
C) Public sector and non-governmental organisations	
C1: Cities and communities ≤ 20,000 inhabitants	880
C2: Cities and communities > 20,000 to 100,000 inhabitants	1,320
C3: Cities and communities > 100,000 inhabitants	2,200
C4: Other non-governmental organisations and non-profits	2,200
D) Universities	
D1: Universities	2,200
D2: Professorships / institutes	1,100
E) Associations	
E1: Associations	1,100

Note: Founders of new companies in categories A to E can apply in writing for a 50 percent reduction of the membership fee. Subject to assessment by the DGNB, the reduced membership fee will be granted for a period of 3 years.

* Please see the notes to this schedule of membership fees

Part 2: Other membership

Categories*	annual membership fee in € (net)
F) Partial membership	
F1: Students, retirees, unemployed	60
F2: Private individuals	250
G) Supporting membership	
G1: Non-profits and associations	1,100
H) Group membership	
H1: Individual sub-organisation(s).....	50 % membership fee as listed in Part 1 of this schedule
H2: Umbrella organisation with up to 9 sub-organisations	15,000

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NOTES ON MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE DGNB (GERMAN SUSTAINABLE BUILDING COUNCIL – GESBC)

General notes

- In the interest of the DGNB's well-being, every applicant and every member is obliged to provide our head office with accurate information for the determination of the proper membership fee. The DGNB reserves the right to request supporting documentation as necessary. If this information is not provided, our head office has the right to assign the member to the highest fee category.
- Companies and other bodies of persons must appoint a representative to exercise member rights.
- Each member must appoint a contact who can exercise member rights.
- The quoted fees are exclusive of value added tax.
- The DGNB will regularly review the membership fees and reserves the right to make adjustments.
- Founders of new companies in categories A to E can apply for a 50 percent reduction of the membership fee. Applications must be made in writing. Applicants are required to provide the necessary supporting documentation. If approved, the reduced membership fee will be granted for a period of three years from the foundation of the company. The reduced membership fee is only granted to newly founded enterprises and not in the case of mergers, changes in legal form, spin-offs, etc.
Member companies that are granted a reduced membership fee as a newly founded enterprise have the same rights as ordinary members.

Notes on Part 1: Ordinary members

Definition of ordinary members

Any natural adult, corporation, institution, research centre, company, or legal entity involved in construction can become an ordinary DGNB member.

Membership applies to the entire organisation, not individual parts, departments, or locations.

Natural persons include, in particular, those who generate income from freelance work as defined in Section 18 Para. 1 No. 1, 2 of the German Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz, EStG) and those solely pursuing interests that do not relate to their commercial or professional work.

Applicants are required to provide the DGNB with the necessary documentation to show that their membership is not solely related to their private sphere. If this is not provided, the membership fee shall be determined on the basis of the key data of the future member's employer or firm.

Definition of category A) Development, design and construction consultants

Company proprietors and employed technical and commercial staff are considered to be employees; in contrast, freelancers, trainees, apprentices, and student interns are not considered to be employees. When establishing the number of employees, part-time employees working regularly no more than 10 hours per week are to be counted as 0.25 of an employee, no more than 20 hours as 0.5, and no more than 30 hours as 0.75.

This category includes service providers – in particular architects, consultants, designers, real estate agents, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, project developers, lawyers, experts, corporate consultants, etc. Annual average figures are to be used in order to calculate the number of employees.

Definition of category B) Private businesses

This category includes all private firms whose business does not fit into category A; particularly banks, construction product manufacturers, construction material manufacturers, construction firms, financiers, tradespeople, retail companies, hotels, real estate companies, cleaning and recycling companies, insurance firms, housing associations, publishers, etc.

Rights of ordinary members

Ordinary members have voting rights in the members' assembly and can participate in DGNB committees and task forces. They have access to the members' area on the DGNB website, receive member information, and can use their DGNB membership for advertising purposes (use of DGNB logo – see DGNB Style Guide). In addition, they receive member discounts on DGNB products, such as certifications, training courses, manuals, events, etc. Natural persons can, however, only purchase one product or a single ticket for events.

Notes on Part 2: Other members

F) Partial members

Definition of partial members

Any adult natural persons with a special interest in construction not related to a commercial or professional purpose, such as full-time students, can become a partial member.

Students, retirees, and the unemployed must provide the DGNB with proof of their status on a yearly basis. Partial members can only gain membership if they provide their private contact details in place of their company details.

Rights of partial members

Partial members receive member information and can advertise their DGNB membership (use of logo – see DGNB Style Guide). They have access to the members' area on the DGNB website and receive a membership discount on all available versions of manuals as well as discounts on event tickets. They can, however, only purchase one product or a single ticket for events.

Partial members from category F2 (private individuals) also receive a membership rebate for demonstrably private certification projects.

Partial members do not have voting rights at the member's assembly. They cannot participate in DGNB committees or task forces.

G) Supporting members

Definition of supporting members

Only non-profit corporations, organisations and associations can become supporting members of the DGNB. They must appoint a representative to exercise supporting member rights.

Rights of supporting members

Supporting members can participate in DGNB task forces. They have access to the members-only area on the DGNB website, receive member information, and can use their DGNB membership for advertising purposes (use of DGNB logo – see DGNB Style Guide).

Supporting members have no voting right for the members' assembly and cannot participate in DGNB committees. In addition, they receive no member discounts on DGNB products, such as certifications, training courses, manuals, events, etc.

H) Group member

Definition of group member

If a corporation comprises a number of individual, legally independent subsidiaries beneath an umbrella organisation, the sub-organisations can apply for group membership if the umbrella organisation is an ordinary member.

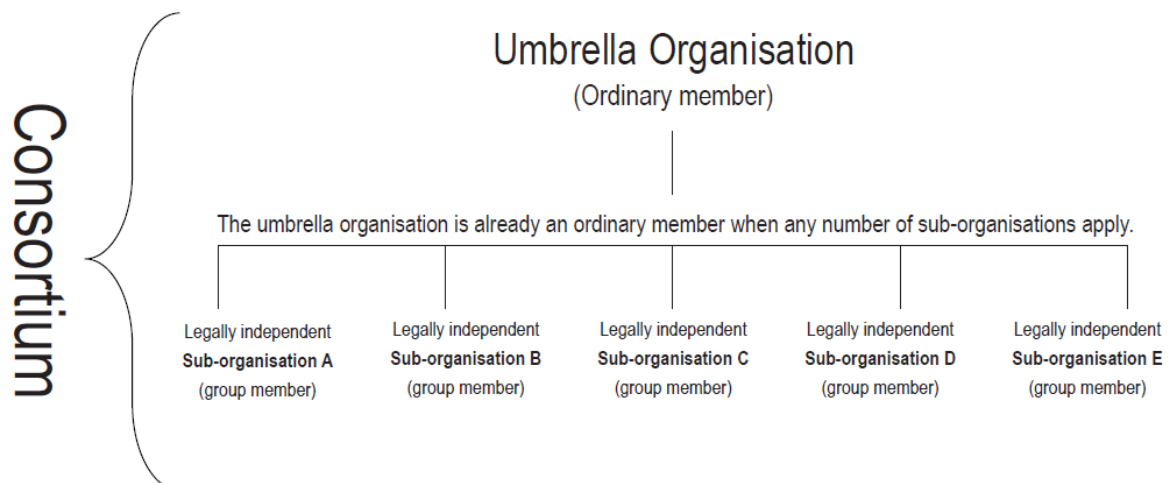
Chambers, associations, and the like are not recognised as umbrella organisations.

If an umbrella organisation is a member or seeks to become such, sub-organisations of umbrella organisations are excluded from automatically being or becoming members of the DGNB.

Definition of category H1) Individual sub-organisation(s)

The umbrella organisation pays the full membership fee for its respective fee category. All sub-organisations receive a 50 percent reduction on their membership fee in their respective fee category. Each sub-organisation must apply independently for membership.

The umbrella organisation must give its written consent in the application for group membership.



Definition of category H2) Umbrella organisation with up to 9 sub-organisations

The umbrella organisation and a maximum of nine sub-organisations become members of the DGNB.

The umbrella organisation is an ordinary member of the DGNB.

The umbrella organisation applies for membership for itself and for its requested sub-organisations.

Rights of group members

Group members can participate in DGNB committees and task forces. They have access to the members' area on the DGNB website, receive member information, and can use their DGNB membership for advertising purposes (use of DGNB logo – see DGNB Style Guide). In addition, they receive member discounts on DGNB products, such as certifications, training courses, manuals, events, etc.

Group members do not have voting rights at the member assembly. Voting rights are exclusively reserved for the umbrella organisation. If sub-organisations nevertheless wish to have voting rights, they must apply for a regular ordinary membership.