

# Welcome

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The Institute of Professional Financial Managers (IPFM) was established in 1992 to provide a body for professional financial managers. The IPFM set out to fill the niche market between the accountancy and treasury management professions.

There has been a steady growth in the membership with several hundred new applications each year in the early years but now running into thousands. The total number of members registered is over 10,000. We now have members from over 40 countries.

There has also been a steady demand from members to be representatives in their own countries. We have over 20 such representations around the world.

We have established links with reciprocal bodies in Australia, Belgium, Canada, India, Nigeria, South Africa and UK. These work based on the other body accepting our members as their members on payment of the appropriate fee. In most instances, there is no need for our members to complete application forms other than the one on joining the IPFM.

The IPFM provides educational services to Cameroun, Gambia, Kenya, Swaziland, Yemen and Zimbabwe. These usually take the form of our approving the educational structures of local bodies and issuing certificates and diplomas.

Membership ranges from the Technician level through to the Doctoral Fellow level. Membership of the Institute will confer the following benefits:

- Use of the letters TIPFM, AIPFM, FIPFM or DFPFM (formerly DIPFM)
- Receipt of a free 16-page IPFM Journal three times a year
- Right to attend the annual convocation in London and/or at other centres