



## BASIS Membership Policy

### 1. What is BASIS?

The British Association of Snowsport Instructors (BASIS) is a UK based international training and grading provider of professional snowsport instructing and coaching qualifications. BASIS provides a teaching pathway for five snowsports disciplines including: Alpine, Snowboard, Adaptive, Telemark and Nordic. Based in Grantown-on-Spey, Scotland, BASIS has a community of over 6,000 members who teach in over 38 countries worldwide. It was founded in 1963 to meet a growing demand as snowsports developed in the early 60s in the Scottish hills. Now BASIS delivers courses year round in the UK and overseas and BASIS qualifications are recognised globally by the International Ski Instructors Association (ISIA).

BASIS takes advanced snowsport enthusiasts through an instructor award system of course programmes, which enables them to achieve their potential as professional instructors. BASIS courses develop not only technical and teaching skills but encourage the development of other core key life skills like communication and leadership. BASIS Licences operate on a modular qualification system starting at Level 1 and moving through to a Level 4 International Snowsports Teaching Diploma (ISTD). All BASIS courses are aligned to the [Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework](#) (SCQF). The University of Edinburgh has undertaken this work in partnership with BASIS so that the level and difficulty of learning on each BASIS course is valued and recognised against the SCQF. Employers, other professional associations, colleges and universities can use this information to make informed judgements to value and recognise these courses through the systems they operate.

BASIS is a self-funding, not-for-profit Membership Association. It generates revenue from annual membership subscriptions and the training and grading courses that it organises.

BASIS also operates business agreements (applied for via an open tender process) with companies that are licensed to promote and sell BASIS courses on BASIS's behalf in nominated ski resorts throughout the world. BASIS also operates a BASIS Approved Ski School Quality Assurance Programme.

BASIS exists for the benefit of its members and works on their behalf to deliver:

- Internationally recognised professional snowsports qualifications
- Employment opportunities in snowsports instruction in countries throughout the world

- Continuous professional development programmes for members
- Membership value through a range of member benefits

## 2. How to join BASI

Your first step is to become an Associate Member of BASI and attend a Level 1 course. To view or book on a Level 1 instructor course, please click here [<https://www.basi.org.uk/content/alpine-ski-level-1-course.aspx>] for dates and venues.

Follow this “how to” link to join and book your first BASI course. <http://www.basi.org.uk/content/how-to-use-your-members-area.aspx>. If you have difficulty, please contact the office on Tel + 44 (0) 1479 861717.

You are entitled to upgrade to a Full Member upon successful completion of your first BASI qualification.

If you hold a qualification from another association, you may apply to become an Associate member of BASI by submitting an evidence dossier that includes all certification. The evidence folder is reviewed by BASI and Associate membership will be granted if the evidence dossier is complete and on payment of the appropriate subscription fee.

## 3. Why Join BASI?

Everyone who decides to join BASI has their own “why” but we all have one thing in common – our passion for our sport and sharing it with others. If you are teaching snow sports or are interested in teaching snow sports, improving your personal performance, working in the snow sports industry, organising winter skiing holidays for your club or school, or simply have an interest in this industry, you can join BASI. Why you choose to join and how far you take your qualifications and membership status is entirely up to you.

## 4. What happens when you join us?

Individuals will join BASI as an Associate Member. This means that everyone has immediate access to the benefits of membership and the BASI Member Area. This is your own personal profile where you are able to renew your membership online, book courses, view your booking history and qualification status, see your course results and reports, pay for due balances and access the annual offers.

Moving to another category of membership depends on the instructor qualifications you gain and, of course, your own personal goals. If you want to work as a professional snowsports instructor you will want to achieve a minimum BASI Level 1 qualification and keep it up to date through BASI’s continued professional development courses (CPD).

All Members when they join BASI become part of a professional association and must accept and agree (on joining) to be bound by BASI's Professional Code of Conduct. (link can be found in section '9. Relevant Policies').

## 5. Renewing your Membership with BASI

Membership is currently renewable annually on 1 October. You can pay your subscription online through your [Member Area](#) or by Direct Debit ([download form](#)).

Full Members who have lapsed for a full membership year or longer must pay a re-join fee as well as the full subscription fee for the current year. Associate Members are not liable for the re-join fee.

## 6. Life Member Application Process (see eligibility criteria)

Currently if you are over 60 years of age and have 25 years consecutive full membership years – congratulations, you are eligible to apply for Life Membership of BASI.

If you meet the criteria for Life membership please submit your application to the Board for approval. Submit it by email to [Life Membership](#):

## 7. Cancelling your Membership

Please contact us by e-mail to inform us if you no longer wish to be a member.

If you have chosen to pay your membership subscription by direct debit, you must notify BASI in writing before 14 August (to cancel your direct debit for the membership year beginning 1 October) and also notify your bank or building society.

## 8. Equality Statement

An application for membership shall not be refused on the grounds of race, sex, religious belief, political opinion or any other protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 (as amended).

## 9. Relevant BASI Policies:

As a BASI Member you are an ambassador for the snowsports profession and required to maintain and uphold the professional standards of the Association at all times. The following policies and documents provide information for Members regarding professional standards and can be found in the BASI Member Area .

*BASI Code of Ethics*  
*BASI Social Media Guidelines*  
*BASI Disciplinary Policy*  
*BASI – Using the BASI Logo – Licensed Member Guidelines*  
 BASI Feedback and Course Appeals Procedure  
*BASI Articles of Association*

## Professional Value of BASI Membership

Professional Value	Associate Member	Full Member		Life Member	Honorary Member	Affiliate Member
		Licensed Member	Non Licensed Member	Licensed		
Relevant, accredited training and development	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Professional support network for career /business development	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Globally recognised qualifications & accreditation		✓	✓	✓		✓
Scottish Credit Qualification Framework credited learning	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Work/employment opportunities via BASI Jobs		✓		✓		✓
Professional Liability Insurance when working as an instructor within your remit		✓		✓		

## BASI Membership Summary Table

Categories of BASI Membership	Associate Member	Full Member		Life Member	Honorary Member	Affiliate Member
		Licensed Member	Non Licensed Member			
<b>Definition</b>	Individuals who have paid the appropriate Associate membership fee but have not yet completed a BASI qualification.	Full members shall be those persons who hold a BASI qualification and have paid the annual membership fee.		Any person who wishes to become a life member must sign and lodge with the Company, a written application for membership in such form as the directors require.	The Board may invite persons to become honorary members and such persons shall become honorary members with effect from the acceptance of any Board invitation.	Organisations who have paid the appropriate Affiliate membership fee. Currently Approved Ski Schools and BASI Business Partners.
<b>Member Level Criteria</b>	Everyone joins BASI at this level, regardless of experience.	<p>A licensed Member is a Full member who has also completed all of the requirements to hold a licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has completed a BASI qualification including all the relevant modules and,</li> <li>has an up to date criminal record check and,</li> </ul>	Full Members who do not meet the criteria for licensed members.	<p>Over 60 years.</p> <p>Paid 25 consecutive years of full membership subs.</p> <p>Submitted application for Life membership which has been approved by the Board.</p>	Awarded by the Board to a person who has made substantial contribution to BASI and/or snowsports.	Those who have met the criteria for Affiliate membership as defined by the Business Partner tender Process and the BASI Approved Ski School Guidelines.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first aid certificate and,</li> <li>• safeguarding children certificate and,</li> <li>• has fulfilled the continued professional development requirements</li> </ul>				
<b>Criteria</b>	Min 16 years	Min 16 years	Min 16 years	Over 60 25 years continuous full membership	Board Nomination	BASI Business Partner Approved Ski School
<b>Annual Subs</b>	£50 pa + £25 upgrade once first qualification achieved	£75 pa	£75 pa	£0	£0	BASI Partner – 3 year renewal Approved Ski School – 3 year re-inspection
<b>Lapsed Member re-join fee</b>	£0	£35	£35	N/A	N/A	N/A

## BASI Member Entitlements/Benefits by Level

Benefit/Entitlement	Associate Member	Full Member		Life Member	Honorary Member	Affiliate Member
		Licensed Member	Non Licensed Member			
BASI Member card (on request)	✓					
BASI Licence Card		✓		✓		
BASI Member Card			✓	✓		
BASI Newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BASI e News Letters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pro Deal Equipment Offers (some offers and discounts are level specific)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Service Offers (some offers are level specific)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Professional Liability Insurance	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Travel Insurance for BASI Members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eligible to stand for Board Election		✓	✓	✓		
Eligible to stand for working groups		✓	✓	✓		
Voting Rights (subject to discipline)		✓	✓	✓		
Wear BASI Qualification Badge (metal)		✓	✓	✓		
Wear Life Member Badge				✓		
Use BASI Instructor Logo (on request, criteria apply)		✓				
Use BASI Business Partner Logo (criteria apply)						✓
Use BASI Approved Ski School Logo (criteria apply)						✓
Free annual subscription fee				✓		
Attend Members Events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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