

# SGS CONSULTANTS CONNECT

## MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The SGS Consultants Connect Scheme's key aim is to create a community of like-minded consultants who will be able to gain a variety of benefits through their ongoing relationships with SGS India Pvt. Ltd.

The scheme does not endorse, guarantee or certificate the work of consultants.

### 2. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Applications to join the scheme will be assessed against the mentioned criteria, which can be subject to change.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Member remains to be active as an SGS preferred consultant unless he shows his intention of withdrawal from the scheme or displays any action inappropriate or can cause harm to SGS reputation.

### 4. SCHEME BENEFITS

Member consultants will have access to varying benefits.

Benefits include use of a dedicated logo, discounted training opportunities, and attendance at exclusive events. These benefits are subject to change.

### 5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To apply for membership of the SGS Consultants Connect scheme the consultant should complete the membership application form.

### 6. CONSULTANT'S OBLIGATIONS

To gain membership of the scheme the consultant should meet the criteria set out in section 2 of this document and in order to continue with their membership, meet the criteria set out in section 3.

The consultant should keep SGS updated of any changes to the details contained in their application as any changes may alter their self-declaration.

By completing the application document the consultant agrees that SGS may contact the organization(s) listed to verify the information given.

Therefore the consultants should ensure that providing this information does not breach any non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement in place.

### 7. USE OF THE GRAPHIC

If you are granted membership, during the period the membership, the consultant may use the issued graphic to promote membership of the SGS Consultants Connect Scheme. The graphic may be used on the consultant's advertising such as letterheads, business cards and on their website.

This list is not designed to be exclusive so please contact the membership team regarding any questions on how the graphic can be used.

A number of exclusions exist on the use of the graphic including:

- Altering the graphic with the exception of on documents printed in more than one colour. The graphic should be used in priority in grey (pantone code 424) and in orange (pantone code 021). However, the consultant may also use the graphic in grey (65% screened black).
- The graphic should not be used as the lead graphic, avatar or profile picture on social media channels including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter or similar.
- The graphic should not be used on consultancy reports or certificates issued by the consultant.
- In both written and verbal communication the consultant should not state or infer that SGS has certificated, endorsed or otherwise approved the work of the consultant.

### 8. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME

The consultant may withdraw from the scheme at any time during the membership period by writing to the membership team signalling their intention and date of withdrawal. There is no notice period required but attention is drawn to the requirement detailed below about continued use of the graphic.

SGS reserves the right to withdraw membership of the scheme if the consultant is found to be in breach of the rules and guidelines given in this document. SGS also reserves the right to immediately withdraw the SGS Consultants Connect Scheme in the event of any suspected or alleged or confirmed breach. In both cases SGS will terminate membership of consultants.

Once membership has lapsed or withdrawn by either party then the consultant should forthwith discontinue the use of the graphic or any reference thereto and will not thereafter use any copy or imitation thereof. Any cost of discontinuing with the graphic is at the consultant's expense.

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