

The Association of Canadian Customs Trade Advisors (ACCTA) Membership Terms and Conditions

Effective Date: March 11, 2026

1. Purpose

Membership in **The Association of Canadian Customs Trade Advisors (ACCTA)** is intended to promote collaboration, professional standards, and effective engagement with government and industry stakeholders within the Canadian customs and international trade advisory community.

These Membership Terms govern the relationship between ACCTA and its members.

2. Eligibility for Membership

Membership in ACCTA is open to individuals or organizations engaged in activities related to:

- Customs compliance advisory services
- International trade advisory services
- Trade policy consulting
- Supply chain advisory services
- Related professional services supporting international trade

ACCTA reserves the right to establish membership categories and eligibility criteria.

3. Membership Categories

ACCTA may offer multiple membership categories, including but not limited to:

- Individual Members
- Corporate Members
- Associate Members
- Affiliate Members
- Honorary Members

The specific rights, privileges, and obligations of each category may vary.

4. Membership Approval

All membership applications are subject to review and approval by ACCTA.

ACCTA reserves the right to:

- Request additional information
- Approve or reject applications at its discretion
- Establish membership limits or qualification requirements

5. Member Responsibilities

Members agree to:

- Abide by the **ACCTA Code of Conduct**
- Support ACCTA's mission and objectives
- Conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner
- Respect confidentiality in association discussions
- Comply with applicable laws and regulations

6. Membership Fees

Membership may be subject to annual dues or fees determined by ACCTA.

Membership fees:

- May vary by membership category
- Are payable annually unless otherwise specified
- Are generally **non-refundable**

Failure to pay membership fees may result in suspension or termination of membership.

7. Member Benefits

Member benefits may include:

- Participation in ACCTA meetings and committees
- Access to educational programs and industry resources
- Opportunities to contribute to policy discussions
- Networking opportunities
- Participation in advocacy initiatives

ACCTA may modify member benefits at its discretion.

8. Termination or Suspension of Membership

ACCTA reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership if a member:

- Violates the Code of Conduct
- Engages in unethical or unlawful conduct
- Acts in a manner detrimental to ACCTA
- Fails to pay required membership fees

Where appropriate, ACCTA may provide notice and an opportunity to respond before termination.

9. Resignation

Members may resign from ACCTA by providing written notice.

Membership fees previously paid are generally **non-refundable**.

10. Limitation of Liability

ACCTA shall not be liable for any damages arising from participation in membership activities, events, or programs.

Membership does not create any partnership, agency, or employment relationship with ACCTA.

11. Changes to Membership Terms

ACCTA may modify these Membership Terms from time to time. Updated versions will be posted on the ACCTA website.

12. Contact Information

Questions regarding this Policy may be directed to:

The Association of Canadian Customs Trade Advisors (ACCTA)

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