



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR ARBITRATION



P-11 Professional Accreditation and Licensing Policy

International Federation of Arbitration (IFA)

1. Definition

This Policy establishes the framework governing the accreditation and licensing of professionals and entities under the authority of the International Federation of Arbitration (IFA), ensuring competence, credibility, and compliance with internationally recognized standards.

2. Objective

The objective of this Policy is to regulate professional accreditation and licensing, ensure the qualification of practitioners, enhance service quality, and strengthen the Federation's position as a recognized international authority.

3. Scope of Application

This Policy applies to all individuals and entities seeking accreditation or licensing, including arbitrators, mediators, trainers, experts, consultants, and affiliated institutions.

4. Governing Principles

This Policy is based on the principles of transparency, fairness, merit, professional integrity, accountability, and alignment with international standards.

5. Categories of Accreditation

Accreditation may be granted under various categories including certified arbitrators, accredited trainers, professional experts, institutional partners, and specialized consultants as determined by the Federation.

6. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet defined criteria including academic qualifications, relevant professional experience, ethical conduct, and successful completion of required assessments or training programs.

7. Application Procedures

Applications shall be submitted through official channels, accompanied by required documentation, and subject to review, verification, and evaluation prior to approval.

8. Evaluation and Assessment

Applicants shall be evaluated based on competency, experience, professional record, and compliance with established standards, including examinations or interviews where applicable.

9. Issuance of Accreditation and Licenses

Accreditations and licenses shall be issued formally by the Federation, specifying scope, category, and validity, and may include verification mechanisms.



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10. Validity and Renewal

Accreditations and licenses shall be valid for a defined period and subject to renewal based on continued compliance, performance, and professional development.

11. Suspension and Revocation

The Federation reserves the right to suspend or revoke accreditation or licensing in cases of non-compliance, misconduct, or violation of standards.

12. Registry of Accredited Professionals

An official registry shall be maintained to record all accredited individuals and entities, subject to periodic updates and verification.

13. Professional Compliance

All accredited individuals and entities must comply with the Federation's standards, policies, and codes of conduct.

14. Misuse of Accreditation

Any misuse of accreditation or licensing status, including unauthorized representation, is strictly prohibited.

15. Violations

Violations include submission of false information, misuse of credentials, unethical conduct, or failure to comply with requirements.

16. Sanctions

Sanctions may include warnings, suspension, revocation of accreditation, disqualification from future applications, or legal action depending on the severity of the violation.

17. Monitoring and Oversight

Accredited individuals and entities may be subject to monitoring and periodic review to ensure continued compliance.

18. Review and Amendment

This Policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with international standards and institutional developments.

19. Annexes

Annexes may include application forms, evaluation criteria, accreditation templates, and registry formats.