

Rules for ordinary membership¹

- 1 VdFS beneficiaries can be admitted as “ordinary members” (members), provided they have created works themselves or provided artistic services themselves. Admission is subject to a written application. Decisions on admissions are made by the Board of Directors.
- 2 At the time of application, the beneficiary/beneficiaries must have been a VdFS beneficiary for at least 5 years.
- 3 VdFS generally admits one new member each year for each occupation that is listed in VdFS license to operate (direction, camera, film editing, costume design, stage design, acting), which is 6 in total.
- 4 Exceptions may be made by a resolution of the Board of Directors, to admit none or several members (f. ex. to search for candidates in forthcoming election years), whereby the same number of members per occupation listed in VdFS license to operate (direction, camera, film editing, costume design, stage design, and acting) shall be admitted, if possible. This number shall be determined by a resolution of the Board of Directors.
- 5 By March of each year, VdFS shall identify that member/those members who has/have received the most royalties in the 10 years preceding the year of admission (domestic and foreign royalties) in his or her occupation (e.g. for admission in 2014, years 2004-2013 shall be taken into account) and shall invite these members to submit an application to VdFS for admission as a member. When calculating the highest royalty-related income, the Board of Directors can apply a reduction method corresponding to the progression.
- 6 The member who has been invited shall submit an application within two weeks of receiving the invitation. If the candidate rejects the invitation or does not respond, VdFS shall then invite the member of the same occupation with the next highest royalty-related income.

- 7 In addition to admission according to point 3, the Board of Directors may decide to admit a further 6 beneficiaries (one representative per occupation represented by VdFS) as members in one year. Each member of the Board of Directors has the right to nominate one further beneficiary from the group of persons identified according to point 5. Nominations may also be interdisciplinary. The recommendation shall be decided unanimously by the Board of Directors. The recommendation made by the Board of Directors shall contain at least 3 persons for each occupation, in the event that individual nominees do not use their right to submit an application for admission as a member, and these shall be invited to submit an application in the order of their nomination by VdFS pursuant to point 6. If the Board of Directors does not take a unanimous decision or if there are no interested persons from the group of recommended nominees in an occupation, admission according to point (3) shall remain in effect.
- 8 There is no legal right to ordinary membership. Status as a member is not hereditary.
- 9 The rights and obligations of an ordinary member are regulated in the statutes of VdFS.