

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

The British Drilling Association (BDA) expects its members to observe the highest Health and Safety standards, quality of workmanship and technical proficiency, and promotes its membership as such to the land drilling industry, its Clients, technical specialists and the general public.

As an ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving these standards we would ask that you agree to abide by the following criteria and sign off this annual membership agreement. The BDA values its reputation and takes its responsibilities to its members and their clients seriously. Membership is not granted freely, and the Association reserves the right to reject any application for renewal.

We confirm that we

1. Have £5million Employers' Liability Insurance if legally required and £2million Public Liability Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance if appropriate.
2. Will submit an annual Accident Return Form to the BDA as and when required.
3. Complies with The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 as relevant to the company.
4. Conforms to current industry guidance on good practice as determined by the Health and Safety Executive and British Drilling Association guidance.
5. All employees are trained, or are being trained, to appropriate standards (including any applicable qualifications) for their work activity.
6. All operatives (including sub-contractor) will have, or will be working towards, the appropriate qualification(s) for their work activity, as laid down in British Standards and BDA Guidance, and will have the correct CSCS cards as follows:
 - Note i: For a Lead Driller this will be an VQ L2 and a CSCS Land Drilling – Lead Driller, blue skilled worker card.*
 - Note ii: For a Drilling Support Operative this will be an VQ L2 and a CSCS Drilling Support Operative blue skilled worker card.*
7. In addition to the above, more than 60% of all Lead Drillers and Drilling Support Operatives, engaged in ground investigation or other supported activities, will be independently audited by the BDA or an equivalent scheme.
 - Note iii: BS 22475-2 states that 'all boring and drilling operatives, to include Lead Drillers and Drillers (Drilling Support Operatives) ... shall hold an NVQ in Land Drilling and hold a valid and current audit card of competence ... as issued by the British Drilling Association Ltd or an equivalent body in a State of the European Union'.*
 - Note iv: BS 22475-3 requires the competency of operatives to be verified at regular intervals to ensure ongoing competence.*
 - Note v: ICE UK Specification for Ground Investigation 2nd edition states that 'work shall be carried out in accordance with BS 22475- 2 and BS 22475-3'.*
8. Complies with the British Code of Advertising Sales Promotion and Direct Marketing.
9. Supports and complies with the BDA Constitution, Rules and Mission Statement.
10. Will carry out its business lawfully, ethically and with propriety.
11. Will carry out its business in accordance with the Construction Supply Chain Payment Charter.
12. Will endeavour to carry out its business sustainably and shall conform with relevant environmental regulations.
13. Will not enter into legal action against the BDA, its directors, officers or servants during membership or after ceasing to be a member.

We confirm and agree to the above criteria and will continue to abide by them throughout our membership of the Association and at any time thereafter.