



Glass and Glazing Federation

# Why You Should Join the GGF







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## Welcome to the Glass and Glazing Federation

With a regional, national and international Membership covering every aspect of the glass industry, the GGF is recognised as the leading authority in its field.

In the UK, over half of all glazing and window installations by turnover are carried out by GGF Member companies.

Being the industry authority the GGF promotes best practice and sets the highest technical and health and safety standards. The Federation is also the voice of the industry in local and national politics helping shape and influence policy and legislation.

By joining the GGF you can take advantage of our many benefits including our knowledge base, health and safety and technical support services.

GGF Membership consists of companies from all glass and glazing sectors and we welcome all types of companies including those that are suppliers to the industry.

So why not join and become part of the leading trade organisation in the glass and glazing industry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Rees'.

**Nigel Rees**  
GGF Group Chief Executive





# Why you should join the GGF

Companies just like yours are joining the GGF.

Whether your company is a limited company, partnership, or sole trader, and manufactures, installs or supplies you can join and take advantage of over 50 benefits, such as access to our technical team for advice via our Technical Helpline.







Companies small, medium or large across the many diverse sectors of the industry are all welcome. Every Member has a voice and opinion and when there is a vote at a meeting it is "one Member, one vote".

The GGF is here to help you as legislation becomes more complex and technical standards get higher. The GGF helps you stay ahead of the game, because you will hear it first from us about what is going to happen regarding upcoming or changing legislation. This gives you ample time to plan and prepare for any changes.

You need an organisation like the GGF to be just a phone call away so you can ask questions and get answers and advice without any fuss.

Importantly, you can if you wish attend meetings and contribute your input to the formulation and amendment of any proposed standards or legislation.

This is because Government departments and committees which draft standards consult with the GGF to identify the effects of proposed measures and legislation in the glass and glazing sector.

The GGF is well known for its Member companies being well established and highly regarded by consumers, the trade and Government departments, so why not join so that your company will benefit from this enhanced reputation? You will be able to display the GGF logo and demonstrate the high standards that you work to in accordance with the GGF's Codes of Good Practice.

We hold regular national and regional specialist group meetings where you can learn about the latest information which will affect your business, benefit from networking with other company leaders to make useful business contacts, and share information and good practice.

In the last two years the GGF website has more than doubled its traffic, attracting more enquiries from consumers and the trade.

Interested? Then contact our Membership Department, either telephone 020 7939 9101 or email [membership@ggf.org.uk](mailto:membership@ggf.org.uk) Once you have made contact, one of our Membership Advisers will discuss which benefits will be most relevant to your company and if you wish to attend one of our Group or Regional meetings as a guest.



# Over 50 benefits when you join the GGF

All of our many Member benefits are in full detail in our separate Membership Benefits brochure but here is a selection of some of the key benefits.



## Technical

- Access to the Technical Helpline for direct help and expert advice by the GGF Technical Team
- Access to all GGF Technical Publications and information via the Members only website
- Guidance on upcoming and current legislation such as Building Regulations, new standards and other technical changes

## Marketing and Branding

- Use of the GGF logo to enhance your reputation
- Listing in the GGF Online Directory so consumers and companies can find your company profile on the GGF website
- Access to the Members only website including Media Hub and image library

## Political Representation

- The GGF employs a political lobbying company for effectiveness in this important area. Campaigns can be developed and progressed for specialist groups
- The GGF acts as an important single voice for Members to raise concerns with local and national Government and the media

## Business Support

- Banking products and services relevant to the glazing industry via Barclays
- Free employment law advice and free contractual advice
- Preferential rates from our employment law specialists
- Model terms and conditions of contract provided for use and adoption

## Meetings and Networking

- Up-to-date information and discussions of vital industry issues at national Specialist Group meetings and/or regional meetings
- To attend regular Specialist Group meetings and GGF Events, which give information on latest issues which will affect your company and where Members can network and make new business contacts

## Training

- Advice on training and how to access funding
- Discounts on selected training courses



# Join the GGF



## General Promotions and Discounts

- Members get significant discounts on Insurance Backed Guarantees through our subsidiary GGF*i*
- Automatic qualification to TrustMark on payment of a nominal annual sum
- Discounts on online shopping through LogBuy
- Discounted rates on various insurances as well as a Group Life Assurance Scheme with Death in Service benefit

## Health and Safety

- Advice and guidance from the GGF's Health and Safety Manager
- Automatic sign-up to the GGF GLASS Charter and Merit Scheme
- Access to Health and Safety information via Members only website

## Consumer Protection and Advice

- Use of the GGF consumer protection package including the GGF Consumer Code of Good Practice, Customer Charter and Deposit Indemnity Fund to enhance your reputation with consumers
- Access to the GGF's Conciliation Scheme and Conciliation Manager for help and advice in resolving disputes with consumers

## Latest News

- Glassi - the GGF's digital magazine for Members - delivered monthly direct to your inbox
- GGF Newswire - a Members only Newsletter that sends the latest GGF news direct to your inbox before it is sent to the trade media





# Technical expertise

## The best technical knowledge at your fingertips:

While retaining your individuality your company is no longer acting in isolation. You have access to a network of 100's of other companies with similar concerns and queries.

In addition, your connection to the GGF provides the opportunity to learn about the European and UK legislative decisions that affect your business.

### Our Technical Support includes:

- Expert Technical help, advice and knowledge from the industry authority
- Advice on Building Regulations
- European representation on Technical committees

- Invitation to our Technical Groups and events
- Technical Consultation and Expert Witness Service
- Access to the GGF Technical Library
- Advice on Technical Standards
- Advice on upcoming legislation
- Advice, guidance and templates for CE Marking

### Comprehensive Testing

The GGF offers an array of industry standard testing: Window, Cladding and Glass Manufacturing testing service includes:

- Glass Product Testing

- Laboratory Testing (inc. Glass Products)
- On Site Testing
- System Development Testing
- Project Specific Testing
- Whole Building Air Leakage Testing
- Weather Tightness Testing
- Impact Testing
- EN14179 Calibration of Heat Soak Ovens
- EN12600 Test Apparatus Calibration





# GLASS Charter

The GLASS Charter (Goal: Less Accidents, Safer Sites) is the successful health and safety initiative to help all organisations within the Glass Industry focus on the importance of Health and Safety within the workplace.

For further information on the GLASS Charter contact the GGF's Health and Safety Department, either telephone 020 7939 9101 or email [healthandsafety@ggf.org.uk](mailto:healthandsafety@ggf.org.uk)

## What's in it for my company?

By signing up to the GLASS Charter your organisation will receive:

- Best practice guidance on health and safety in a simple, easy to understand format through published guidelines
- Guidance on safety legislation in the form of a quarterly update
- A forum raising and discussing health and safety issues
- Regular Safety Newsletters
- Use of an industry health and safety audit tool to help identify appropriate action
- The opportunity to participate in a prestigious safety awards scheme
- Invitation to the annual Health and Safety Glass and Glazing Conference

## A range of training packages which include:

- Safety for Senior Executives/ Owners/Managers
- Managing Safely for Supervisors/Team Leaders
- Online training packages for Operatives
- Specialist Workshops



# Criteria for GGF Membership

To become a GGF Member, your company must:

- Have been trading in a glass-related field for at least 3 years

If you have been trading for less than 3 years, you may apply to join the GGF Promotion Programme. For more information on joining the Promotion Programme either telephone 020 7939 9101 or email [promotion@ggf.org.uk](mailto:promotion@ggf.org.uk)

- Be financially sound as evidenced by the company's accounts
- Have suitable business premises
- Have adequate personnel to conduct your business efficiently
- Be working to Standards that meet the Federation's technical and commercial requirements
- Provide three trade references to be taken up by the Federation

- Sign up to and comply with the GGF's Consumer Code of Good Practice and Customer Charter where the company deals with consumers
- Subscribe to the GGF's low-cost Deposit Indemnity Scheme to protect deposits where the company deals with consumers and takes deposits
- Sign up to the GGF GLASS Charter Health and Safety Initiative for the industry (see page 9 of this brochure) and its Merit Scheme
- Agree to display the GGF logo on the Company's website, stationery and other advertising material, with a link to the GGF website via the logo
- Agree that your Company's conduct will be monitored

Companies applying to join will need to pass the GGF's strict vetting procedure, which will include a site visit to the company's premises.

Applications from companies wishing to join are published in the GGF's fortnightly newsletter, GGF Newswire.

## **Applications:**

To apply to join, either telephone 020 7939 9101 or email [membership@ggf.org.uk](mailto:membership@ggf.org.uk)

Annual subscriptions may be paid in a lump sum or by monthly direct debit.

If you have any queries about Membership, please feel free to ring our Membership Department on 020 7939 9101, or email [membership@ggf.org.uk](mailto:membership@ggf.org.uk)







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