

PCCI - MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND FEE STRUCTURE

Founding Directors , Advisory Board members , State Executive Body & Ordinary Membership

A. PCCI – DIRECTORS & MEMBERSHIP

Life time fees and Yearly Membership fees applicable:

Sr.	Position	Life Time Fee	Yearly Membership Fee
1	PCCI – DIRECTOR	Rs 50,000	Rs 1,000

Criteria for Directors — PCCI

Director positions at PCCI carry greater responsibility — organizational leadership, policy guidance, and representation of PCCI at state/national forums. Accordingly, eligibility is set at a higher threshold of experience and standing than Ordinary Membership.

1. Entrepreneurs (3 Years and Above in Business)

- Must have run a registered business (proprietorship, partnership, LLP, or private limited company) continuously for a minimum of **3 years**
- Business should demonstrate stability — active GST/Udyam registration, consistent operations, and a verifiable track record (bank statements, ITRs, or audited financials as supporting proof)
- Sectors covered: manufacturing, trading, services, retail, export-import, real estate, hospitality, agri-business, technology, and franchise operations
- Preference given to entrepreneurs who have demonstrated **community contribution, employment generation, or mentorship of newer businesses**
- Should be in good standing — no record of business fraud, default, or litigation that would harm PCCI's reputation

2. Working and Retired Professionals (15 Years and Above in Service)

- Applicable to both **government and private sector** professionals
- Minimum **15 years of cumulative professional/service experience** in their respective field
- **Working professionals:** must currently hold a mid-to-senior level position (e.g., Manager and above, Government Class I/II officer and above, or equivalent standing in their organization/profession)
- **Retired professionals:** should have retired in good standing, ideally from a position of responsibility (e.g., Senior Manager, Director, Government Officer, Department Head, or equivalent)
- Eligible streams include:
 - **Government services:** IAS, IPS, IRS, and other administrative/allied services; PSU officials; municipal/state/central government officers
 - **Private sector:** Senior Corporate Executives, CXOs, Vice Presidents, General Managers
 - **Professional practice:** Senior Doctors, Senior Advocates, Senior Chartered Accountants/Company Secretaries with established practice
 - **Academia:** Professors, Deans, Vice-Chancellors, senior educationists
 - **Defence & Paramilitary:** Retired officers from Armed Forces, Police, Central Armed Police Forces
 - **Banking & Finance:** Senior Bankers, NBFC leadership, Insurance sector leadership
 - **Judiciary (retired):** Retired judicial officers, in an advisory capacity

3. Common Requirements for Directors (Both Categories)

- Must subscribe to and align with PCCI's constitutional and Ambedkarite values of social and economic empowerment
- Should be willing to actively participate in PCCI's Central/State/District-level activities, meetings, and initiatives

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- Must furnish supporting documents proving years of experience (appointment letters, business registration certificates, retirement orders, professional certifications, etc.)
- Subject to approval by the PCCI National Managing Committee/Board
- Expected to contribute to PCCI's membership growth, sectoral outreach, and policy advocacy within their domain of expertise

B. STATE LEVEL EXECUTIVE BODY — APPLICABLE TO ALL INDIAN STATES and FOREIGN COUNTRIES GLOBALLY

Life time fees & Membership fees applicable for Executive Committee members of states across India and foreign countries globally are as under:

Sr.	Position	Life Time Fee	Yearly Membership Fee
1	PCCI – State President	Rs 25,000	Rs 1,000
2	PCCI – State Vice President	Rs 10,000	Rs 1,000
3	PCCI – State Secretary	Rs 10,000	Rs 1,000
4	PCCI – State Joint Secretary	Rs 10,000	Rs 1,000
5	PCCI – State Treasurer	Rs 10,000	Rs 1,000
6	Executive Committee Member	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000

C. DISTRICT LEVEL EXECUTIVE BODY — APPLICABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS UNDER INDIAN STATES

Life time fees & Membership fees applicable for Executive Committee members of Districts are as under:

Sr.	Position	Life Time Fee	Yearly Membership Fee
1	PCCI – District President	Rs 10,000	Rs 1,000
2	PCCI – District Vice President	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000
3	PCCI – District Secretary	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000
4	PCCI – District Joint Secretary	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000
5	PCCI – District Treasurer	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000
6	Executive Committee Member	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000

Criteria for State & District Level Presidents, Office Bearers & Members — PCCI

This category covers the full spectrum of state and district-level leadership positions — Presidents, Vice Presidents, General Secretaries, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Executive/Managing Committee Members — who together form the operational backbone of PCCI at the grassroots and state levels.

1. Entrepreneurs (1 Year and Above in Business)

- Minimum **1 year** of active, ongoing business operation
- Acceptable proof: Udyam/MSME registration, GST registration, Shop & Establishment license, trade license, or equivalent local business proof
- Open to entrepreneurs across all sectors, including:
 - Manufacturing, trading, wholesale/retail
 - Services — IT, consulting, event management, transport & logistics, repair/maintenance services
 - Agriculture, horticulture, dairy, and agri-processing
 - Real estate, construction, and allied trades
 - Hospitality, food & beverage, catering
 - E-commerce, digital marketing, and online business
 - Franchise operations, dealerships, and distributorships
 - Small-scale and cottage industries, artisans, and local manufacturers
- Business should be genuinely operational (not dormant) — verified through bank statements, invoices, local trade references, or physical business verification
- Priority consideration for candidates with:
 - Established local reputation and community trust
 - Prior involvement in trade bodies, market associations, or business/social networking groups
 - Willingness and capacity to travel within the district/state for PCCI work

2. Working and Retired Professionals (5 Years and Above in Service)

Applicable to **both government and private sector**, covering:

- **Government Sector:**
 - State and Central Government employees (all departments)
 - Municipal Corporation, Zilla Parishad, Gram Panchayat officials
 - PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) employees
 - Police, Defence, and Paramilitary personnel (serving or retired)
 - Judicial and quasi-judicial officers
- **Private Sector:**
 - Corporate employees at supervisory level and above
 - Managers, Team Leads, Department Heads
- **Professional Practice (5+ years active):**
 - Doctors, Dentists, Physiotherapists
 - Engineers (all disciplines)
 - Advocates and Legal Professionals
 - Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries, Cost Accountants
 - Architects, Interior Designers
 - Management/HR/Tax Consultants
- **Banking, Finance & Insurance:**
 - Bank officers/staff, NBFC professionals, Insurance agents/officers, Stock brokers, Investment advisors
- **Education Sector:**
 - Teachers, Lecturers, Professors, Trainers, Institute Administrators
- **Media & Communication:**
 - Journalists, Editors, PR Professionals, Content Creators

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- **Retired Professionals:** Eligible from any of the above streams, provided they completed 5+ years of total service before retirement, and retired in good standing

3. Office Bearer Roles Covered Under This Criteria

Level	Positions
State Level	State President, State Vice President, State General Secretary, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Executive/Managing Committee Members
District Level	District President, District Vice President, District Secretary, District Treasurer, District Executive Committee Members
General	Ordinary Members holding no office but active in state/district activities

4. Common Requirements (All Categories & Levels)

- Must be a **resident of, or have demonstrable business/professional roots** in the specific state/district for which the position is sought
- Should possess basic leadership, communication, and community mobilization ability appropriate to the office sought (higher offices like President/Secretary require stronger demonstrated capability)
- Willingness to:
 - Actively participate in PCCI's membership drives, Master Classes, and outreach programs (e.g., Business Eco System Portal, Aatmnirbhar Samaj)
 - Attend bi-monthly Google Meet sessions and district/state-level physical meetings
 - Support District-to-State-to-Central coordination and reporting
- Must align with PCCI's constitutional and Ambedkarite values of social and economic empowerment
- Required documentation:
 - Proof of business (1+ years) or professional/service experience (5+ years)
 - Local address/residency proof
 - Passport-size photograph and basic KYC (Aadhaar/PAN)
 - Optional but recommended: brief statement of intent or local action plan
- Subject to screening and approval by the **State President (for District positions)** and the **National President/Central Managing Committee (for State positions)**
- No record of criminal proceedings, business fraud, or conduct likely to harm PCCI's public image
- Office bearers are expected to serve as PCCI's face at the local level — building credibility, trust, and grassroots participation

D. MEMBERSHIP WITH VOTING RIGHTS

Sr.	Membership Category	Life Time Fee	Yearly Membership Fee
1	Corporates/Start-ups/ Students/Individuals and Professionals from all the streams	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000

E. MEMBERSHIP WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS

Sr.	Membership Category	Yearly Membership Fee
1	Corporates/Start-ups/ Students/Individuals and Professionals from all the streams	Rs 1,000

Criteria for for above Membership — PCCI

1. Age & General Eligibility

- Adult, 18 years and above
- Students (undergraduate/postgraduate, pursuing any discipline) — encourages early engagement and future entrepreneurial/professional pipeline

2. Working Professionals/individuals (All Streams)

- **Medical & Healthcare:** Doctors, Dentists, Physiotherapists, Nurses, Pharmacists, Ayurvedic/Homeopathic practitioners
- **Engineering & Technical:** Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, IT/Software, Chemical, Automobile, Structural Engineers
- **Science & Research:** Scientists, Lab Technicians, Research Scholars, Academicians
- **Legal:** Advocates, Lawyers, Legal Advisors, Notaries, Judicial Officers (retired)
- **Finance & Accounts:** Chartered Accountants (CA), Company Secretaries (CS), Cost Accountants (CMA), Certified Financial Planners
- **Banking & Financial Services:** Bankers, NBFC professionals, Insurance Agents, Investment Advisors, Stock Brokers
- **Consulting:** Management Consultants, HR Consultants, Business Strategy Advisors, Tax Consultants
- **Architecture & Design:** Architects, Interior Designers, Urban Planners
- **Media & Communication:** Journalists, PR Professionals, Content Creators, Digital Marketers
- **Education:** Teachers, Professors, Trainers, Skill Development Instructors
- **Government/Public Sector:** Retired or serving officials (in personal capacity, non-conflicting)
- **Real Estate:** Brokers, Developers, Property Consultants
- **Agriculture & Allied:** Agronomists, Agri-Business Professionals, Veterinary Doctors
- **Others:** Artists, Social Workers, Event Managers, Logistics & Supply Chain Professionals

3. Start-ups

- Registered or unregistered early-stage ventures (product, service, tech, or social enterprise) seeking market access, mentorship, and networking

4. Corporates/Entrepreneurs (0–3 Years in Business)

- MSME owners, traders, manufacturers, service providers, franchise operators within their first three years of operation — eligible regardless of turnover, provided they hold basic registration (Udyam/GST, where applicable)

5. Any Other Streams

- Freelancers and gig-economy professionals
- Homemakers running micro-enterprises
- NGO/Trust representatives engaged in community or economic development
- Retired professionals seeking advisory or mentorship roles within PCCI
- Individuals from unorganized sector businesses (local trade, artisans, self-help groups)
- Cooperative society members
- International members/NRIs engaged in India-linked business or trade

F. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

- **Membership fee:**

Not applicable, as these appointments are basis recognized standing in their respective field — industry, academia, law, finance, public administration, social work, or public policy and others.

MEMBERSHIP WITH VOTING RIGHTS – ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

The advisory board members who wish to avail the lifetime membership with voting rights, the applicable membership fees are as under:

Sr.	Membership Category	Life Time Fee	Yearly Membership Fee
1	Corporates/Individuals and Professionals/Ex Government officials and Bankers etc	Rs 5,000	Rs 1,000

• CRITERIA FOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER — PCCI

1. Eminence & Standing

- Must be a person of recognized standing in their respective field — industry, academia, law, finance, public administration, social work, or public policy.
- Should have a minimum of 15 years of demonstrated professional, entrepreneurial, or public service experience.

2. Alignment with PCCI's Objectives

- Must demonstrate genuine commitment to PCCI's mission of commerce, industry, and community economic empowerment.
- Should show alignment with the constitutional and Ambedkarite values that underpin PCCI's work (where relevant to the Bahujan economic empowerment mandate).

3. Domain Expertise Candidates should bring specialized expertise in at least one of the following areas relevant to PCCI's work:

- Trade, commerce & industry policy
- Finance, banking & NBFC regulation
- Legal & regulatory affairs
- Government liaison / public administration
- Entrepreneurship & MSME development
- Corporate governance
- Media, communications & public relations

4. Reputation & Integrity

- No record of financial fraud, criminal conviction, or conduct unbecoming of public office.
- Should possess an unblemished public reputation, verifiable through professional references.

5. Non-Executive, Advisory Role

- The position is strictly advisory in nature and carries no voting rights and no membership fee, consistent with the fee structure already notified.
- Advisory Board members do not participate in day-to-day operational or financial decision-making of PCCI.

6. Availability & Engagement

- Willingness to attend at least 2–4 Advisory Board meetings/consultations per year (in person or via video conference).
- Willingness to lend name, expertise, and network for PCCI initiatives (e.g., Master Classes, policy consultations, sectoral outreach) as mutually agreed.

7. Nomination & Appointment

- Candidates may be nominated by the National President, State President, or an existing Executive Committee/Advisory Board member.
- Final appointment rests with the National President/Chairman, PCCI, typically formalized via a Board Resolution (as done for the Maharashtra Advisory Board).
- Tenure: recommended 3 years, co-terminus with the Executive Committee's tenure, renewable.

8. Conflict of Interest

- Must disclose any existing directorships, advisory roles, or financial interests that could conflict with PCCI's objectives.
- Must recuse from any matter involving personal or organizational conflict of interest.

9. Exit/Removal

- May resign by written notice.
- May be removed by the National President/Chairman on grounds of inactivity, reputational risk to PCCI, or conduct inconsistent with PCCI's values.

G. TENURE FOR ABOVE ALL POSITIONS

Three (3) years from the date of appointment.

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