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Full ACTRA Membership

Full members of ACTRA enjoy preference of engagement over all other non-member performers. Full members can participate in ratification votes for the ACTRA agreements they work under, can vote in ACTRA Toronto elections and hold elected positions at ACTRA Toronto. To join ACTRA you must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant. *ACTRA members cannot work on non-union productions.*

Join ACTRA as a member of a sister organization

If you belong to a professional performers' organization that has a reciprocal agreement with ACTRA you may join as a Full member based on your first engagement in ACTRA's jurisdiction.

Members of the Canadian Actors' Equity Association (CAEA) must join ACTRA after their first speaking part, SOC or background engagement in ACTRA's jurisdiction. Equity members pay **\$450**, which is one half of the regular initiation fee, plus **\$195** annual dues.

Members of SAG, AFTRA, or Equity (U.K.) pay a **\$1600** initiation fee plus **\$195** in annual dues to join after landing a speaking part or SOC role in ACTRA's jurisdiction.

Join ACTRA through the Apprentice Program

ACTRA's Apprentice Program allows performers who are new to ACTRA to work on ACTRA sets and earn credits toward full membership. For more info, refer to the ACTRA Apprentice Membership brochure.

Dues and fees

To become a Full member, the initiation fee is **\$1600 (minus permit fees paid for qualifying credits AND minus the Member Training Intensive course fee, if it was paid prior to application)**, plus one year's basic dues of **\$195** if you join through the Apprentice program. Full ACTRA members pay working dues of **2.25%** of gross earnings up to a maximum of **\$4,000**. Basic dues are paid each year in April.

Reality Check

Some people think acting is a glamorous business where someone with little or no experience can make a lot of money with little effort. Well, it's not that easy. Working as an actor is a challenging profession that requires discipline, commitment, continuous training and lots of hard work. Performers work hard each and every day. They compete against their fellow performers for roles and know there is no such thing as a guaranteed part. Most have years of experience and have trained at top theatre schools. Their work experience includes everything from plays and television series to commercials and feature films. Considering a career in the performing arts should not be a whim or passing fancy. Bringing a character to life on the screen can give you great joy and personal satisfaction – but it also entails personal sacrifices. Consider the commitments involved before you join ACTRA.

ACTRA members must keep an up-to-date photo on file with ACTRA Toronto, and keep us up-to-date on changes to your address, agent and other relevant personal information.

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ACTRA Toronto has more than 15,000 members and is the largest organization within ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists). As an advocate for Canadian culture since 1943, ACTRA continues to secure the rights and respect for the work of professional performers.