

CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE FREEMEN

The eligibility criteria are similar to those for Freeman. The precise definition is very difficult but these guidelines are intended to convey the present intent.

An Associate Freeman must be:

An executive of a relevant organisation. This means manufacturers of any finished “engineered” product or component which are considered “hard” products or components like tools, steel, cutlery, bricks, cement, machines, etc but not “soft” products like business software, packaging, stationery, office consumables.

Work for an organisation or a research establishment which is engaged in the production of, or fee-earning research in support of, manufactured items as laid down above.

His or her organisation must have a business or a registered office in the Sheffield City Region.

PROCESS

Once a potential Associate Freeman is identified, his name, address and a brief background should be sent to the Clerk by the sponsor. The Clerk will then send a letter inviting the individual to apply.

Applications forms duly filled out and with an attached brief biography will then be returned to the Clerk who will pass them to the Freedoms Advisor who will check that the applicant is qualified.

If the Freedoms Advisor indicates that the individual is qualified, he or she will be formally invited to be an Associate Freeman.

This decision will then be ratified at the next Company Meeting.

After 4 years, the Associate Freeman will be asked to update his or her details to see if he or she is in a position to qualify as a Freeman. If so, he or she will be invited to apply for full Freedom.