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2. Am I familiar with U.S. laws and actuarial practices in my practice area?
3. Have I completed the actuarial education requirements?
4. Am I willing to abide by the Academy bylaws, the Code of Professional Conduct, Actuarial Standards of Practice, and the U.S. Qualification Standards?
5. Do I have good moral character and professional integrity?

If you answered “Yes” to the above questions, turn over to learn more or go to actuary.org/membership.
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If you are an actuary and you currently practice in the United States—or if you plan to do so in the future—you should become a member of the Academy. Nonresidents or new residents of the United States must certify their familiarity with U.S. laws and practices and provide a statement detailing their actuarial work experience. Applicants will provide specific details about their actuarial work experience to demonstrate their familiarity with U.S. laws and actuarial practices. Nonresidents will be asked to state their need for membership.

Have I completed the actuarial education requirements?

The Academy has deemed certain basic education credentials that meet educational requirements for application to membership in the Academy. They include some designations from the following: Casualty Actuarial Society; Society of Actuaries; American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries; Conference of Consulting Actuaries; Enrolled Actuary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA); Canadian Institute of Actuaries; Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in the United Kingdom; Colegio Nacional de Actuarios in Mexico; and the Institute of Actuaries of Australia. Other actuarial educational credentials may be approved by the Membership Committee and the Executive Committee.

Am I willing to abide by the Academy bylaws, the Code of Professional Conduct, Actuarial Standards of Practice, and the U.S. Qualification Standards?

As the U.S. national association, the Academy is dedicated to establishing and upholding the highest standards for practicing actuaries in the United States. Accordingly, applicants must attest to their understanding of and compliance with: Academy bylaws; U.S. laws and practices; the Code of Professional Conduct; Actuarial Standards of Practice; and U.S. Qualification Standards. You will also be asked to submit a letter of reference certifying your knowledge of U.S. actuarial standards and practices in your area of practice.

Do I have good moral character and professional integrity?

Applicants to the Academy must be of good moral character and have outstanding professional integrity.

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