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1. What are the different types of membership in UNWTO?

The UNWTO is a global organization that works to make travel safe, good for the environment, and open to everyone. There are three primary types of UNWTO members: Full Members, Associate Members, and Affiliate Members.

Full Members: These are the countries that the UN says are not part of any other country. Full Members can do anything, vote in the General Assembly, and help make important choices regarding the future of tourism around the world.

Associate Members are places or groups of places that can't fully manage their own foreign affairs. Full Members can vote, but Associate Members can go to meetings and do things with the group. They are usually places or areas that rely on other countries and aren't seen as their own.

Affiliate Members: This group includes businesses, schools, and local tourist boards that work in or help the tourism industry. Affiliate Members are not countries or regions, but they do operate in tourism and want to help the UNWTO get the word out about sustainable tourism around the world. They can chat to each other, work on projects, and go to events, but they can't vote in the General Assembly.

Countries are Full Members, territories or regions are Associate Members, while tourism-related organisations and institutions are Affiliate Members.

2. Who can join UNWTO as a Full Member?

The UN normally recognises a country as an independent state if it is a Full Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). To become a Full Member, a country must apply and obtain a vote by two-thirds of the members of the UNWTO General Assembly. There are few crucial things that need to be done and met:

The applicant must be a sovereign state, which means that it can do whatever it wants and everyone else knows it.

The UNWTO has regulations and criteria that the country must follow, one of which is to promote responsible and sustainable tourism.

The group needs money from the country every year to keep working.

The present Full Members check over the country's application and vote on it during the General Assembly meeting.

Full Members can vote on key topics, choose presidents, and help make laws that people all around the world have to follow. Full Members can also get help from other countries, exchange their experiences and best practices with them, and look at UNWTO's research and statistics on tourism.

To become a Full Member of UNWTO, a country must be an independent state that agrees to follow UNWTO's rules, pays the membership fees, and gets the General Assembly's approval.