

Tourism Law and Legislation

Assignment 1

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

The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes responsible, sustainable, and universally accessible tourism. To involve different stakeholders in tourism development, the UNWTO has established several types of membership.

Full Members: Full Members are sovereign states that are members of the United Nations. They have full voting rights and actively participate in policy-making and decision-making processes of UNWTO.

Associate Members: Associate Members are territories or regions that are not responsible for their external relations. They can participate in UNWTO activities but have limited voting rights.

Affiliate Members: Affiliate Members include private companies, educational institutions, tourism associations, and non-governmental organizations. They contribute expertise and innovation but do not have voting rights.

Observers: Observers are international organizations invited to attend meetings without formal membership or voting rights.

2. Who qualifies as a Full Member of UNWTO?

A Full Member of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) must be a sovereign state. This means the country must have full authority over its internal and external affairs and be internationally recognized.

The country must submit a formal application for membership, which is reviewed and approved by the UNWTO General Assembly. Approval requires acceptance by existing Full Members.

Once accepted, the country must agree to follow UNWTO statutes and promote sustainable and ethical tourism practices. Full Members are also required to pay annual membership contributions.

In return, Full Members receive full voting rights, access to tourism research, technical support, and the opportunity to influence global tourism policies.