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## 1. Membership

### 1.1 Who can become an Individual Member of 3GPP and how much does it cost ?

Individual Members are by definition members of the [Organizational Partners of 3GPP](#). This means that members of standardization bodies such as ETSI, ARIB, TTA, TTC, T1 and CCSA have a right to take part in 3GPP. There are no fees payable directly to 3GPP. However, the funds required for the running of 3GPP are collected from the Organizational Partners and you may be required to contribute in some way through that route.

If you are not a member of one of the above Standardization bodies then you can find links to these bodies from the [3GPP home page](#).

If you require further guidance on how to participate in 3GPP activities you should contact the [Mobile Competence Centre](#).

### 1.2 Who may participate in 3GPP meetings ?

To attend a 3GPP meeting, you must be a 3GPP Individual Member (i.e. you must be a Member of one of the Organizational Partners involved in the project; ARIB, CCSA, ETSI, T1, TTA or TTC. A non-member company should seek membership with one of the above partners to be eligible to contribute and participate at 3GPP Meetings.

### 1.3 Who shall fill in the 3GPP Individual Member Application form ?

The person legally responsible for the requesting company shall fill in the form.

### 1.4 What shall I do if a 3GPP company or official contact details change?

All changes of correspondence should be notified to [3GPPContact@etsi.org](mailto:3GPPContact@etsi.org)

### 1.5 Could you explain the different membership categories ?

The different membership categories of 3GPP are described in Section B of the 3GPP Working Procedures.

### 1.7 Who may become a Guest Member and do guests have to pay any fees ?

The Guest Status is for potential Individual Members who may be granted permission to participate in 3GPP for a maximum period of 6 months. Guest status is granted on a case-by-case basis by the Organizational Partners (see also Working Procedures Article 10). If you like to apply for a Guest status, please send an email to [3GPPContact@etsi.org](mailto:3GPPContact@etsi.org)

No membership fees are requested for Guest applications.

### 1.9 Can we use the 3GPP logo on our Web Site ?

YES, it is possible for permission to be granted for the use of the 3GPP logo subject to certain conditions. For more information please contact [3GPP Legal](#) at the ETSI MCC (Mobile Competence Centre).

### 1.10 Can an ETSI Observer become an Individual Member of 3GPP ?

NO, an ETSI Observer may "observe" all activities, but their participation is limited to the ETSI General Assembly only. Therefore, ETSI Observers have no participation rights in 3GPP. ETSI Observers have access to ETSI documentation and of course to 3GPP documentation since that is openly published on the web.

3GPP does have it's own category called "Observer" but that is entirely different and is used for potential Partners.

### 1.11 Can ETSI Applicant apply for 3GPP Membership ?

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As an ETSI member your company is eligible for a 3GPP Individual Membership and you will be able to attend any of the 3GPP Meetings. Please fill in the on-line 3GPP Application form and your company will be then listed on the 3GPP Website (add link to the form)

There are currently no additional costs involved for participation in 3GPP (the membership fees for ETSI covers the cost of 3GPP participation).

## 2. 3GPP email exploder lists

### 2.1 Are there discussion archives for the 3GPP exploder lists ?

The home page of listserv is at: <http://list.3gpp.org/scripts/wa.exe>

Then, just follow the links to the archives. For example, the archives for the main RAN email list can be found at:

[http://list.3gpp.org/archives/3gpp\\_tsg\\_ran.html](http://list.3gpp.org/archives/3gpp_tsg_ran.html)

### 2.2 How do I subscribe to the 3GPP exploder lists ?

follow the instructions found on this page: [http://www.3gpp.org/Discussion\\_Lists/mailling.htm](http://www.3gpp.org/Discussion_Lists/mailling.htm)

## 3. Miscellaneous

### 3.1 How do I resolve the problem with the corrupt file warning in MSWord. Note that this only applies to MSWord2000?

Problem:

When opening a document in Word 2000, the following error message appears: This document may be corrupt. To preserve the contents: Choose Select All from the Edit menu, then choose Copy from the Edit menu. Create a new document, then choose Paste from the Edit menu.

Cause:

This may be related to something called list templates. A list template is created for every numbering or bulleting scheme defined in the document. Apparently, a minor change in a scheme, or even switching a list from numbered to bulleted creates a new template. In an arcane way, tables are also related to list templates. The template count increases automatically, but cannot be decreased by the user. When more than 1500 templates are defined in the list, the document becomes corrupt. There are more reasons why a document is corrupt, so the fix proposed will not solve the problem 100% of the times.

Resolution:

- To solve the problem, you need to have MS Office 2000 Service Release 1/1a installed . To check this, in Word on the "Help" menu point to "About Microsoft Word". The first line in the window shows you the MSWord version you have. You should get something like: "Microsoft Word 2000 (9.0.3821 SR-1)". If you don't get SR-1 (or SR-1a) at the end, you need to install the Service Release. Contact your IT department or follow this link: <http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/Q245/0/25.ASP>
- You have to introduce a new entry in the Windows registry. You can do this simply by clicking twice in the file "word\_bug\_fix.reg" attached. Note that modifying the Windows Registry incorrectly can cause serious problems; this fix simply introduces a new entry in a MSWord part of the registry, but if you don't feel confident, contact your IT department or check the Microsoft link below.
- Open MSWord normally. The fix proposed will open the corrupted files without warning and delete the unused list templates, so its count goes under 1500. The user will not notice anything, but this implies that the document is modified. When closing, MSWord will ask the user if he wants to save the changes, even if apparently no change has been made.

This bug is confirmed by Microsoft and it is listed in its Support Web Site. Follow this link to get the complete report:

<http://support.microsoft.com/support/kb/articles/q241/5/81.asp>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20070906235424/http://www.3gpp.org:80/faq/faq.htm>

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<http://www.3gpp.org/TSG/CN.htm>.

### 3.3 Do I need a password and user name to access the 3GPP Web site ?

No password is needed to access any information on the 3GPP Web site, all information is openly published.

## 4. Legal Matters

### 4.1 What is the 3GPP IPR Policy ?

The 3GPP Organizational Partners have agreed that their IPR policies should be respected and that their respective members should be encouraged to declare "their willingness to grant licenses on fair reasonable terms and conditions and on non discriminatory basis" (Article 3.1 of the Third Generation Partnership Project). For more information [Look Here >>>](#)

The above-mentioned principles are further reflected in [Article 55 of the 3GPP Technical Working Procedures](#) which request that each Individual Members should declare "at the earliest opportunity, any IPR which they believe to be essential, or potentially essential, to any work ongoing within 3GPP".

### 4.2 What is the 3GPP policy on licensing ?

With regard to the issue of royalties' payment for the use of patented technology in GSM mobile phone systems each individual company should seek a license from the holder of an essential IPR.

The IPR policies of Standards Organizations thus provide a framework for IPR negotiations since the owner of a patented technology which is declared essential to a GSM standards have undertook to comply with the ETSI IPR policy "to grant licenses on fair reasonable and non discriminatory terms and conditions"(Article 6.1 of the ETSI IPR Policy).

As of today, the principles for royalties' payment for the use of patented technology in mobile phone implementing 3GPP transposed specifications remains unchanged. That is to say that each individual company should seek a license from a patent holder who is bound by the obligations of the IPR policy of its respective Organizational Partner. For more information [Look Here >>>](#)

### 4.3 What is the 3G Patent Platform ?

On the fringe of standardization activities some telecom companies have set up a voluntary arrangement for the licensing of essential patents required to meet the standards published for 3G systems has emerged.

Please find a historical recap of the creation of the 3G Patent Platform. Thank you to note that Phase 3 has not started yet.

1. Discussions started in the UMTS IPR working Group (1998).
2. The UMTS IPR working group operated within the UIAP (UMTS Intellectual Property Association) to define the functions of the 3G Patent Platform.

The 3G Patent Platform will provide services for:

- - Evaluating,
- - Certifying and,
- - Licensing

essential patents for 3G Mobile communications.

3. Implementation of the 3G Patent Platform scheme.

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