

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCOUNTANT MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM

## 1. Introduction

These Terms and Conditions govern the use of the Accountant Membership Platform (the "Platform"). By registering as a member, you agree to be bound by these Terms. The Platform reserves the right to amend these Terms at any time. Continued use constitutes acceptance of the amended Terms.

## 2. Membership Classifications

### 2.1 Content Contributor

- Must be a qualified accountant and a **Full Member of HKICPA** or possess an equivalent professional accounting qualification recognized by the Platform.
- **Information required:**
  - Legal name (optional – member may choose to disclose or non-disclose to the public)
  - Nickname (disclose to the public)
  - Contact email(for verification)
  - Mobile number (for verification)
  - Personal profile (optional, may be shown to other members)
- **Rights:** Can post content in "Publication" and "Blog" and reply to others' posts.

### 2.2 Full Member

- Must be a qualified accountant and a **Full Member of HKICPA** or equivalent qualification.
- **Information required:**
  - Legal name (optional – public disclosure choice)
  - Nickname (disclose to the public)
  - Contact email (for verification)
  - Mobile number (for verification)
- **Rights:** Can post content in Blog and reply to others' posts.

### 2.3 Associate Member

- Any individual working in the accounting industry (no professional qualification required).
- **Information required:**
  - Name (legal name or nickname permissible)
  - Contact email (for verification)
  - Mobile number (for verification)
- **Rights:** Read-only access to posts. **Unable to post** or reply.

### **3. Verification**

- The Platform reserves the right to verify membership criteria (e.g., HKICPA membership status) at registration and at any time thereafter.
- False or misleading information may result in immediate suspension or termination of membership.

### **4. Member Conduct**

- All members must comply with applicable laws and professional ethical standards.
- Content posted must not be defamatory, fraudulent, infringing, or otherwise harmful.
- The Platform may remove any content or suspend any member for violation of these Terms.

### **5. Privacy and Data Use**

- Personal data (email, mobile number, etc.) will be used only for account management, verification, and platform communication.
- Mobile numbers will not be shared publicly unless required by law.
- Legal name disclosure preference will be respected by the Platform.
- Please refer to our separate Privacy Policy for details on data handling under applicable data protection laws (e.g., Hong Kong PDPO).

### **6. Intellectual Property**

- Members retain ownership of content they post, but grant the Platform a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to display and distribute that content within the Platform.
- The Platform's design, logos, and code remain the property of the Platform operator.

## **7. Suspension and Termination**

- The Platform may suspend or terminate membership if a member no longer meets the criteria for their classification, breaches these Terms, or engages in conduct detrimental to the community.

## **8. Limitation of Liability**

- The Platform is provided "as is." We do not guarantee uninterrupted service or the accuracy of member-posted content.
- To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Platform is not liable for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising from your use of the Platform.

## **9. Governing Law**

These Terms shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.