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## **IP Facilitation Center (IPFACE)**

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# IPFACE membership –INFORMATION, BENEFITS, RULES (Last Update on 13 July 2013)

#### Membership:

The Intellectual Property Facilitation Center (IPFACE) offers regular users of its services, participants of its programs and members of its strategic partners, membership plans which are accompanied by benefits. The membership plans also helps IPFACE to maintain its continuous contact with beneficiaries and partners.

#### Membership categories, benefits and charges

|                      |                                       | Strategic partner   | Institutional member  | Individual member  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| For whom?            |                                       | Organization that has signed<br>an MOU with Venture Center<br>to jointly serve entrepreneurs<br>and MSMEs | Incorporated/ registered entity that represents groups of entrepreneurs, organizations serving entrepreneurs or MSMEs and certain other nonprofit entities. | Any individual who expects to use services and resources of IPFACE repeatedly.   |
| Duration of validity |                                       | Duration of validity of MOU   | Three years at a time.  | One year at a time.  |
| Benefits             | Discounts on services                 | 30% discount  | Discount: Lower of Annual<br>Membership Fee or 15%  | Discount: Lower of Annual<br>Membership Fee or 15%   |
|                      | Discounts on IPFACE training programs | 30% discount (only those organized and run solely by IPFACE)  | Discount (only those organized<br>and run solely by IPFACE):<br>Lower of Annual Membership<br>Fee or 15%  | Discount (only those organized<br>and run solely by IPFACE):<br>Lower of Annual Membership<br>Fee or 15%   |
|                      | Early bird<br>intimation              | 10 days advance intimation of events/ training programs/ workshops  | 10 days advance intimation of events/ training programs/ workshops  | 10 days advance intimation of events/ training programs/ workshops   |
|                      | Access to VC<br>library               | One year complementary "browsing and reading" institutional membership of Venture Center Library          | One year complementary "browsing and reading" institutional (5 named persons) membership of Venture Center Library  | One year complementary<br>"browsing and reading"<br>membership of Venture Center<br>Library  |
| Fees                 |                                       | No fees.  | Annual membership fee: Rs 2000 Rs/ year   | Annual membership fee: Rs 500 Rs/ year; Free for individuals who have used paid services of IPFACE (worth Rs. 10000/-) in the preceding 12 months. |

#### Timings:

- IPFACE hours are 9 am to 5.30 pm, Monday through Saturday
- IPFACE is closed on Sundays.
- IPFACE shall also remain closed on all Venture Center holidays (typically, major National Holidays). The list of Venture Center Holidays is listed on the website.

## Membership process and rules:

- Membership forms are available in IPFACE office or can be downloaded from the VC website.
- All queries relating to membership categories and fees (including eligibility and application of discounts) should be addressed to the Mentor of IPFACE or IP Associates.
- IPFACE issues a "IPFACE Card" to all its members that list membership categories and expiry date. Members are expected to submit their Cards for renewal one week before expiry.
- Membership cards are non-transferable. Lost cards should be reported immediately and fresh card issued from the IPFACE staff against a small payment.
- The IPFACE reserves its right to changes/discontinue certain services (and related rules/ pricing) from time to time.



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### **Eligibility Criteria for Strategic Membership:**

- Member should be an registered organization.
- Organization should offer complementary offerings of use to new entrepreneurs & MSME's.
- Organization's networks should help IPFACE to expand its own reach & networks.
- Organization's goals should be aligned with Venture center's philosophy and mission of helping budding entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- Organization should fill a gap in IPFACE services.
- Organization should have long term strategic partnership goals.