



Euro-toques Ireland

European Community of Chefs & Cooks

EURO-TOQUES CHEF MEMBERSHIP

Who can join Euro-toques?

Euro-toques is open to any chef or cook who takes an interest in and actively promotes the ideals of the organisation. Members do not have to be formally trained 'chefs' but would normally be active in the sector, either in a kitchen or teaching environment, and have proven experience.

The current membership includes chefs and cooks working as consultants, freelance chefs, caterers and tutors/lecturers and running or working in cookery schools, restaurants, country houses and hotels.

Membership of Euro-toques Ireland is open to chefs and cooks throughout the island of Ireland, and chefs working abroad who want to keep in touch with the Irish industry.

Members must meet strict criteria and adhere to the Euro-toques Commitment on food sourcing (see below). Applications are carefully checked and members are randomly audited to ensure all information is correct and to uphold the standards and reputation of the organisation.

Euro-toques Ireland has recently introduced Junior Membership for Student, Trainee and young chefs, as part of our commitment to working with and educating the chefs of the future.

All members in accordance with the ideals and objectives of Euro-toques and must be approved by the Board of Commissioners

What are the benefits?

- Become a part of an almost 200 member national group and 3,500 strong international organisation of **top European chefs** recognised for quality and high standards
- Receive an endorsement from your chef-colleagues and a **branding of quality** for you and your business
- Be part of an organisation with **Public Profile**, organising many high profile events which receive significant media coverage such as the Euro-toques Young Chef of the Year, the Euro-toques Food Awards and the Euro-toques National Food Forum & Fair.
- Contribute to **lobby activity** on behalf of chefs, restaurateurs and small food producers which aims to defend good food and protect culinary traditions and monitors policy and legislation affecting them.
- Contribute to, and/or benefit from, **Chef Education** initiatives for future and industry chefs.
- Contribute to **educational initiatives in Primary Schools** to encourage a love of food and healthier attitudes towards cooking and eating.
- Be part of a **social and professional network** of chefs and benefit from shared experience and expertise and industry contacts
- Attend **special events and outings** tailored especially for chefs, including educational workshops, producer visits, food & wine trips abroad, family events, and much more.
- Receive your own **dedicated page with Business and Chef Profile on our Website**
- Receive a **Quarterly Member's Newsletter** updating you on relevant policy changes and lobby activities, news and events.



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How to join?

Each potential new chef member must:

- receive a nomination from an existing Euro-toques member
- submit CV, menus (where applicable) and a list of their food suppliers.
- accurately and truthfully acknowledge their food suppliers/producers on their menu
- demonstrate that the Euro-toques principles of Food Sourcing are followed
- commit to abide by the Euro-toques Code of Honour in their work

What are the membership criteria?

The criteria for membership is to illustrate that the following principles are adhered to.

In the sourcing of their food ingredients, Euro-toques Members commit to:

- respecting principles of seasonality
- sourcing food as locally as possible
- knowing where their food ingredients come from and how they are produced
- using ingredients of high quality and superior taste, produced conscientiously, with respect for the environment and animal welfare
- supporting and promoting small & local food producers
- accurately and truthfully acknowledging their fresh food suppliers on their menu

Euro-toques chefs and cooks are also asked to follow the Euro-toques Code of Honour (attached).



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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & RATES

CHEFS

- Full Chef Member** Must submit full application along with nomination from an existing Euro-toques member €250 + 21% VAT
- Chef-Lecturer** Must submit full application along with nomination from an existing Euro-toques member €250 + 21 % VAT
- Additional Member** Open to chefs working directly under a Euro-toques full member. €100 + 21 % VAT
- Junior Member** Open to full-time student chefs and chefs under the age of 25 year. €36 (including VAT)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Applications will not be considered unless accompanied by the appropriate fee and full information (with nomination where applicable).

In the case that an application is not accepted, fee will be returned in full.

All applications must be passed by the Board of Commissioners.

The decision of the Board or Committee is final.

CONTACT

If you wish to discuss an application, please contact Ruth Hegarty on 01-6779995.

Send complete applications to: Euro-toques Ireland, 11 Bridge Court, City Gate, St. Augustine Street, Dublin 8. Or email to info@euro-toques.ie