



Almancil
International
Rotary Club

Becoming a Rotarian and a member of Almancil International RC

- a brief summary

A new member of AIRC may be a Rotarian transferring from another RC, a former Rotarian, or a new applicant.

In the first instance, confirmation and support by the previous club is all that is necessary to initiate the admission process, but an applicant cannot expect to be automatically accepted. A former Rotarian will be asked to attend our club for four meetings in close sequence, meet and discuss with the Classification Committee, present a CV, and then apply for membership.

AIRC strives to establish a well -balanced mixture of Classifications. A Classification within Rotary reflects the profession as represented by a member in the Club. AIRC has also decided that forty but not fifty members is the optimum number of members in order to maintain a good club spirit and to ensure that every body knows every member.

The basic requirements for membership of Rotary are that you must hold, or have held, a management position in your chosen profession, be able to meet the attendance required by Rotary (60%) and other project requirements, and that you live or work in the club area. Membership is by invitation only, although a newcomer can express interest by addressing a member of AIRC or contacting the Classification Committee.

For a new applicant, the process is a little more detailed than for existing or former Rotarians. He, or she, must be sponsored by a member, and must also attend at least four consecutive meetings. During this time, existing members have the opportunity of getting to know the applicant.

AIRC is based upon spirit of fellowship and each individual member holds the right of veto when accepting new members. The initial informal visits as a guest to AIRC, offer the members the opportunity to establish their opinion about issuing to the guest an invitation to apply. Should a single member state an opinion, the guest will be informed at an early stage.

A new applicant will normally be a person already established in the community, or of senior management status, a resident in the Algarve, and financially able to contribute to club activities, and Rotary aims. There may be some restrictions on applications based on age, nationality, or occupation, but an applicant's personal circumstances may outweigh such restrictions. The reason for not encouraging an application is not disclosed.

If no negative input is given to the CC, (Classification Committee) then the admission process can begin. The potential member is asked to present a CV to the CC.

Once the CC is satisfied that the prospective new member is suitable, he, or she, will be invited to complete a formal application. If the application satisfies the CC, the committee will recommend that the board accepts the application and informs the members. The board members will then judge the recommendation and the information received and if they too are positive about recommending an admission, they will make the decision whether to admit the applicant or not.

The board's decision to recommend a new member is then announced at a weekly meeting, after which there will be 14 days during which any member can formally object, and the sponsor or chairperson will inform the applicant of their acceptance or non-acceptance. Again, a rejection will be without published motivation.

More detailed information can be obtained from the Internet along with details of contact persons etc:

- Rotary in general - www.rotary.org
- Rotary in Portugal – www.rotary.pt
- AIRC – www.rotaryalmancil.org