
Non-Resident Membership Policy (application by a Theatre)



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In accordance with bylaw 7 of Canadian Actors' Equity Association's Constitution and bylaws, whenever a Theatre wishes to engage an Artist who is not a resident of Canada, or a member of Canadian Actors' Equity Association (Equity), or an association with which Equity has a reciprocal agreement (excluding opera singers and ballet dancers), Equity must be convinced of the need to engage or admit a non-resident/non-member under the criteria listed below.

1. The Theatre may only apply in either of the following circumstances:
 - (a) the public recognition factor or "star" status of the Artist, or
 - (b) the ability of the Artist to perform special or unique services not available to the Theatre from within the existing Equity membership.
 2. The Theatre shall submit its application to Equity on behalf of the Artist for a limited membership in the Association as a non-resident member in accordance with bylaw 7. The application must be received at least ninety (90) days in advance of the beginning of the Artist's proposed engagement to allow Equity sufficient time for its research and deliberations.

Equity will consider the request and a response will be given to the Theatre, in writing, no later than three (3) weeks following the receipt of the application.
 3. The application must be accompanied by detailed information on the Artist and the production for which it is proposed that he/she be engaged, including copies of any relevant correspondence with the Artist. A copy of the script of the production must be included if relevant to the application.
 4. Equity will engage in such research, consultation and discussion as required, in its discretion, in order to reach a decision on granting non-resident membership.
 5. If the application is denied, the Theatre may appeal for reconsideration only if additional information has become available that would further demonstrate public recognition or special or unique services.
 6. If granted, the term of membership of a non-resident member shall be restricted to the period of engagement in the production on which the application was made. Equity may re-admit the Artist as a non-resident member within the ensuing six (6) month period.
 7. Equity's Council shall have full power to grant, refuse, rescind or extend non-resident membership in the Association.
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