

BWI – Optional Fixed exchange rate

Affiliates of BWI shall pay affiliation fees based on their full membership in the construction, building, building materials, wood, forestry and allied industries and trades. Every year, the affiliates of BWI shall inform their accurate membership figures, for the active members in the sectors before mentioned. The statutory affiliation fee is CHF 2. - per member / per year.

The World Council approved the optional fixed exchange rate in Euro and USD valid for the period 2016-2022.

The following fixed rates are:

- CHF 2.- per member = EUR 1.88 per member
- CHF 2.- per member = USD 2.10 per member

The CHF 2.- fee per member will remain until the next BWI Congress (same amount since founding congress in 2005).

Affiliates must declare accurate membership in BWI sectors in order to benefit from a fixed rate corresponding to EUR 1.88 per member or USD 2.10 per member.

1. **The Affiliate declares** membership in BWI sectors

2. The Affiliate **may** pay according to following options:

- 2.1 CHF 2.00 x member to BWI CHF bank account
- 2.2 EUR 1.88 x member to BWI EUR bank account
- 2.3 USD 2.10 x member to BWI USD bank account

3. **The Affiliate does not declare** active membership in BWI sector (then formula above is void).

Cannot apply fixed exchange rate and will pay in CHF according to World Board / Regional Committee decision.

BWI Statutes: Affiliation Fees Guidelines – Annex

Every year, the affiliates of BWI shall inform their accurate full membership figures in BWI's sectors (statutes, full list in annex 2). The statutory affiliation fee is CHF 2.- per member / per year.

If an affiliate is unable to pay the statutory affiliation fees for all its members for a valid reason, a reference can be found in the statutes, article 8.4 which states: "The World Board may grant reductions in affiliation fees based on recommendations by the Regional Committees in exceptional cases for a limited period of time according to the BWI affiliation fee guidelines".

Voting rights are reduced proportionately. Voting rights will be reduced according to the percentage of reduced payment. Granted reductions will be according to the following and table and countries classifications below:

REDUCTION TABLE:

SCALE	FULL	REDUCTION'S BRACKETS				EXEMPTION
Classification	Statutory	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Extraordinary
% <u>maximum</u> reduction	0%	25%	75%	90%	95%	100%
CHF <u>maximum</u> reduction	0.00	0.50	1.50	1.80	1.90	2.00
Bracket CHF per member	2.00	2.00>1.50	2.00 > 0.50	2.00>0.20	2.00> 0.10	0.00

Countries classification according the GNI PPP- Gross National Income per capita Purchasing Power Parity (World Bank Atlas Method. Data 2019)

GNI per capita is the gross national income, converted to USD using the World Bank Atlas method, divided by the midyear population. GNI, calculated in national currency, is usually converted to USD at official exchange rates for comparisons across economies. To smooth fluctuations in prices and exchange rates, a special Atlas method of conversion is used by the World Bank. This applies a conversion factor that averages the exchange rate for a given year and the two preceding years, adjusted for differences in rates of inflation between the country.

GNI per capita based on purchasing power parity (PPP). PPP GNI is gross national income (GNI) converted to international dollars using purchasing power parity rates. An international dollar has the same purchasing power over GNI as a USD has in the United States.

Source for data:

<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator>

When some data is missing at Worldbank, the other source used is:

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/>

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COUNTRIES CLASSIFICATION (DATA 2019):

Band 1 GNI per capita, PPP USD 21'001 and above

Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Rep, Denmark, Faeroe Islands, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea Rep (South), Kuwait, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Qatar, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States.

Band 2 GNI per capita, PPP USD 5'801 - USD 21'000

Argentina, Barbados, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Curaçao, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Panama, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovak Rep, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Band 3 GNI per capita, PPP USD 2'001 - USD 5'800

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bolivia, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Laos, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland (Eswatini), Tunisia, Ukraine, Vanuatu, Vietnam, West Bank and Gaza (Palestine)

Band 4 GNI per capita, PPP USD 2'000 or less

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Dem. Rep. of the Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kenya, Kurdistan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Togo, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.