



**THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SPECTACLE MAKERS  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

(Please complete in CAPITAL letters, deleting those entries marked \* which do not apply to you)

- 1. Full name of applicant including your preferred title: (Ms/Mr/Dr/Professor etc):
- 2. Profession/occupation
- 3. Current employer
- 4. National honours/professional qualifications:
- 5. Date and place of birth and nationality(ies):
- 6. Marital status:                              \*Name of spouse/partner:                              \* Names of children

*(Completion of section 5 is entirely optional. It may be of help for future enquiries about family history and membership)*

- 7. Address (including post code):

Home..... Office.....

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Tel no: ..... (HOME) .....(OFFICE)

Mobile number(s):.....

Email ..... Email.....

Social media profile name (please specify platforms used).....

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Please confirm the address which WCSM should use first for correspondence: OFFICE/HOME\*

The email address you provide will be used for all communications and matters relating to your membership, to give you details of official, social and Charity events in which the Company and its members are involved and to inform you about events in the City of London. Communications are sent via our MailChimp broadcast email system. If you become a Liveryman, your postal address will appear on the City of London Corporation Electoral Roll for the Election of the Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor of London. If you do not wish your information to be used in this way, please contact the Clerk on +44 (0) 20 7236 2932 or [clerk@spectaclemakers.com](mailto:clerk@spectaclemakers.com)

**I give consent for the Company to send me communications as described above**

**Date of completion of this form.....**

- 8. Are you applying for the FREEDOM\* only, or the FREEDOM and the LIVERY\*?  
*(New members must apply first for the Freedom. If you know that you are aiming for Livery, our highest grade of membership, please indicate that now)*

9. Are you applying for the Freedom by RIGHT\*, on RECOMMENDATION\*, or by PATRIMONY?  
(Those who hold a recognised optical qualification can apply by Right; those whose parent was a Freeman before their birth can choose Patrimony; all others apply for Freedom by Recommendation)

10. Do you have any family connections with the Company? If so, please specify.

11. Are you a Freeman of any other Livery Company? If so, which?

12. Are you already a Freeman of the City of London? YES\*/NO\*  
(if YES, please provide the date of admission to Freedom of the City, as shown on the long certificate)

13. Please give a very brief CV showing relevant qualifications, positions held (with dates), membership and/or involvement with public bodies, charities etc and leisure activities

14. How did you hear about the Spectacle Makers' Company? (tick as many as apply)

WCSM exams  Bursary  Friends  Family  Professional contact  Attended an event or Award

Advert  Website  Social media  City connections  Charity  Trade show/conference

Please sign the following declaration:

**I hereby confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is correct and that there is nothing known to me now or in the past that would render me unsuitable for membership of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers, or is likely, if it became public knowledge, to cause embarrassment to the said Company. I have no unspent criminal convictions, do not currently stand charged with any criminal offence, nor have I ever been adjudged bankrupt, nor made any composition with my creditors in respect of which I have not paid 100 pence in the pound.**

Signature..... Date.....

15. If you do not qualify by right of qualification or Patrimony, and/or if you would like to move through to Livery in due course, your application will need to be supported by two Liverymen of at least three years' standing. If you know two Liverymen, please confirm with them that they will support you and then enter their names below. **Otherwise, send the form to the Clerk and she will help with any necessary introductions.**

*We recommend the applicant for membership, deeming them to be a fit and proper person to be admitted:*

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Name of Liveryman Date of recommendation

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Name of Liveryman Date of recommendation

Please return this form with a copy of your full form birth certificate and any certificates evidencing a change of name to: [clerk@spectaclemakers.com](mailto:clerk@spectaclemakers.com) or by post to: The Clerk, The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers, Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, London, EC4V 6EL. No payment is needed now. If your application is approved by the Court, you will be invited to make the Freeman's Declaration and pay an initial admin cost of £20 and membership fees up to the next renewal on 1 June. The full year rate for 2022-23 is £140. This will be pro-rated by quarter if you join after 1 June. Thereafter, membership subscriptions are due annually, on 1 June, at the rate advertised at least 30 days in advance.