

# The benefits of being a member of **dhf**

General information leaflet by **dhf**



## What is **dhf**? **dhf** is a Not-for-Profit membership organisation.

It is regarded as the 'Centre of Excellence' for specific industry sectors, providing guidance, legal advice and details of the latest standards within the UK and Europe. It also operates to serve its members by being a 'go to' place for technical advice and guidance as well as driving commercial benefit for its members.

## What do I get as a member?

Like many federations, **dhf** has several benefits to being a member. The usual business insurance discounts and HR advice come as standard. However, with **dhf**, you are joining the largest federation of its kind for your industry. Look at what else is on offer:

### ✓ A heritage that dates back to 1897

With our combined years of expertise and knowledge, you can be assured that the information you will receive is second to none.

### ✓ Wealth of industry information

**dhf** has a wide array of information available to members on Construction Products Regulation (CPR), UKCA/CE marking, Machinery Directive and European standards.

### ✓ Help shape the industry

The federation is involved in the creation of British and European standards affecting the industry, which enables you to have your input into the development of standards in the UK as well as Europe, so you help to shape the industry in which you work.

### ✓ Access to trade bodies

Becoming a **dhf** member gives you access to information provided by larger trade bodies such as the Construction Products Association and Build UK.

### ✓ Working with governing bodies

**dhf** works closely on its members' behalf with enforcement authorities and government bodies including Health & Safety Executive (HSE), Trading Standards, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

### ✓ Leading industry authority

**dhf** is widely recognised as the leading industry authority by key influencers, including Secured by Design (Police), NHBC (Housing) and RISC Authority (Insurance).

### ✓ Reporting non-compliant businesses

**dhf** works hard to help reduce non-compliant companies in the marketplace which undercut responsible businesses.

### ✓ Accredited training

**dhf** is proud to offer formal accredited courses for its Automated Gate and Industrial & Garage Door training through ABBE.



### ✓ CSCS cards

In partnership with the ADSA, **dhf** offers an easy way to apply for a CSCS card that is specific to the industries it serves.

### ✓ Full online access

The **dhf** website provides a huge range of information such as safety & security, technical standards, best practice guides and much more. Training course bookings and applications for CSCS cards are also fully managed online.

### ✓ Regular member meetings

Members are invited to regular virtual and face-to-face meetings that are relevant to the product or service that they provide. These are an ideal place to meet and network with other members of the industry.

### ✓ Raising standards

Last, but by no means least, **dhf** has a reputation of raising standards in all the industry and market sectors in which it operates, thus raising the demand for quality.

## Benefits membership

**dhf** members are entitled to use the **dhf** logo on their stationery and marketing material, including signage used externally on properties or vehicles.

Members also have a profile page on the website and appear in the **dhf** search facility; making thousands of potential customers aware of the services offered in their local area.

An official, dated, certificate of membership is also provided.

### Affiliate **dhf** membership

New companies who do not currently have evidence of satisfactory financial performance may be granted affiliate membership, until such evidence has been gained. An affiliate member is entitled to the majority of the benefits of membership, including training discounts (if applicable), invitation to meetings and access to the members' area of the **dhf** website.

An affiliate member will not however, appear on the **dhf** website and cannot use the **dhf** logo, nor claim to be a **dhf** member in any way, be it verbally or written.

# What are the additional benefits of membership?

There are many additional 'Benefits of Membership' **dhf** offers. These are:

## ✓ Commercial benefits

Helping raise the standards of quality and technical expertise of **dhf** members gives you the commercial edge over your non-member competitors and helps increase your business:

- ✓ Use of **dhf** logo
- ✓ Members' rate training fees
- ✓ Private training courses available to book
- ✓ **dhf** website helps promote your business (member and product database on website) - full members only
- ✓ Active promotion of **dhf** to architects, specifiers, and contractors
- ✓ Networking opportunities with fellow professionals in the industry (membership of **dhf** special interest groups)
- ✓ Dashboard - members' internal electronic newsletter, published monthly

## ✓ Technical benefits

The **dhf** Technical Team gives invaluable advice and support on all technical product and service issues:

- ✓ Member exclusive regular webinars that complement the training programme
- ✓ Exclusive access to a huge online and print library of **dhf** technical guides, best practice guides and other technical advisory material
- ✓ Access to the **dhf** dedicated technical team, on hand to answer any technical queries from members
- ✓ Advice and practical help available on meeting health and safety legislation, building regulations, UKCA/CE marking, Declaration of Conformity, certification, Machinery Directive and Construction Products Regulation

**dhf** membership gives you automatic group membership of the **Construction Products Association (CPA)**, and for members who carry out installation, membership of **Build UK**. These groups represent your interests on standards committees, Government bodies, other trade associations and certification bodies.

## Other benefits

Discounts and other exclusive member offers complete the benefit package you will receive once a **dhf** member.



Citation offers a great service to **dhf** members who use Citation's professional solutions. Providing advice and contracts for their services covering Employment Law, Health & Safety, ISO and training.



**dhf** is proud to offer Business Breakdown Cover from the AA as a benefit exclusively for members. From single vehicles up to a whole fleet, the AA can cover your cars, vans, trucks and more.



ForrestBrown is the UK's largest specialist in R&D (Research and Development) tax credits, which can be claimed by any company that has invested in research and development.



HMCA offer discounted rates for medical, dental, hospital, and travel plans as well as income protection.



Croner provides **dhf** members a FREE Business Support Helpline, which covers a wide range of UK law such as:

- ✓ Commercial & Company Law
- ✓ PAYE & Payroll
- ✓ Tax & VAT



SMAS Worksafe offer a 10% discount on Smas services, access to a free Work Wallet account, 15% discount on training course from iHasco, 10% discount at Trade Point and savings with Fuel Card Services.



AMA Research offers **dhf** members discounts on any market survey reports or products they supply.



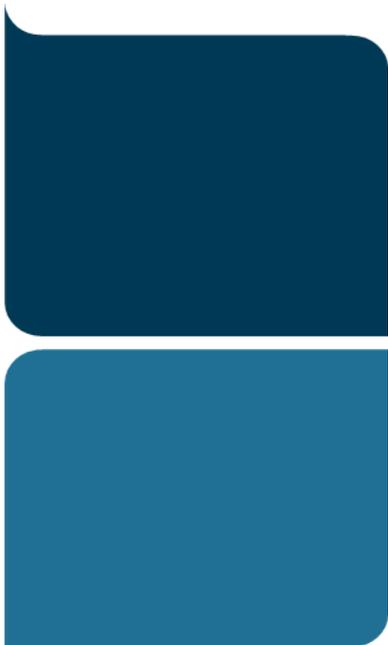
**dhf** members obtain 30% discount (excluding p&p) on the full cost of a hard copy standard from BSI. Standards must be ordered through **dhf**.



Howden provide members with competitively priced insurance policies, including a cost-effective insurance scheme covering risk liability and public & product liability.



Construction Industry Publications (CIP) & Build UK offer **dhf** members a month's trial of the online Construction Health and Safety Manual. Members will also receive an 30% discount off the printed manual.



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