

Aspirant Membership Application

Before completing the form please read the guidance notes which follow.

1 Personal Details

Surname	Other names	Title
First name - by which you would like to be known	Date of birth	Gender
Occupation	Nationality	
Address		
Line 1		
Line 2		
City/town	Post/zip code	Country
Other contact details: Telephone and email		
Evening:	Daytime:	
Teleph Mobile:	Email:	

2 Climbing Experience

How many years have you been climbing?
Other clubs you belong, or have belonged, to:

Aspirant	Please tick the Aspirant type you are applying for
Alpine Mountaineering	<input type="checkbox"/>
UK Mountaineering only	<input type="checkbox"/>

Peak or route	Grade	Companions	Mark G' if Guided	Date mm/yy	Notes including whether partially or wholly on skis and whether a camp or bivouac was involved

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Climbing experience: continued

Peak or route	Grade	Companions	Mark G' if Guided	Date mm/yy	Notes

3 Other Contributions to Mountaineering and Climbing

add further sheets if necessary

4 Reasons for wishing to become an Aspirant Member

Please state in your own words why you wish to become an Aspirant Member of the Alpine Club and how you plan to progress to Full Membership

add further sheets if necessary

5 Proposer

All applications need a proposer (see Guidance Notes). If you have one, tick the first box, give their name and **send him/her a copy of this Application with the attached Letter of Support** to complete and return to us. If you don't have one, tick the second box.

I have a proposer and have sent him/her a copy of this Application with the Letter of Support to complete.

Proposer's Name (capitals) _____

I do not know anyone eligible to propose me. Please arrange for a member to contact me.

6 Direct Debit Form and Cheque

I attach a completed and signed Direct Debit form. (See Guidance Notes)

I attach my first subscription cheque for £..... payable to **Alpine Club**.

I do not have a UK bank account.

7 Authorisation

In applying for membership of the Alpine Club, I recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. I accept this risk and agree that I am responsible for my own actions and involvement in mountaineering.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The Data Protection Act requires us to inform you that, if elected, relevant information will be held on the Club's computerised subscription/address list. Addresses and contact details are made available to other members.

Communications from other Members:

There is a Members' Area on the Club's website with a facility for members to send emails to other members about non-commercial mountaineering activities. New members receive these emails unless they opt out. (You can opt in or out of members' emails at any time.)

Please tick if you do **not** wish to receive emails from other members via the Club's Website Members' Area.

Address applications to: The Office Manager, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF

Letter of Support - Aspirant Membership

Applicant's Section

Please fill in this section and send a copy of your Application with this page to your proposer, who should complete it and return it to the Club.

Applicant's Name (capitals): _____ Date of Application: _____

Proposer's Name (capitals): _____

Proposer's Section

Please complete, sign and return this form to: The Office Manager, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF; email: admin@alpine-club.org.uk.

Regulations governing Aspirant Membership of the Alpine Club, as modified and confirmed in September 2017 are:

Candidates for Aspirant Membership shall have some alpine mountaineering experience, including roped glacier travel and mixed snow and rock climbing to PD grade. Aspirants should have an enthusiasm for the mountains making it reasonably likely that they will qualify for Full Membership in due course.

Alternatively, for those mountaineers who do not have any alpine mountaineering experience, but now wish to take their experience to an alpine level, the Club offers Aspirant Membership for a fixed term of one membership year. Candidates should have UK winter mountaineering and climbing experience, that ideally includes mixed winter climbing in Scotland, as a necessary foundation to develop the skills needed for technical mixed snow and rock travel in an alpine environment to enable them to successfully apply for Aspirant Membership with alpine experience or Full Membership within the fixed term of their membership.

For how long and in what capacity have you known the Applicant?

Please comment on the applicant's climbing experience and your reasons for recommending him/her for membership.

Proposer

I, (capitals) _____ agree to propose and fully support this application to the Alpine Club.

I **am/am not*** a Full Member of the Alpine Club. (* please delete as appropriate).

If you are not a Full Member of the Alpine Club, please state the name of the Club of which you are a member and elected officer. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit

Please fill in the whole form using a ball point pen and send it to:

**The Alpine Club
55 Charlotte Road
London
EC2A 3QF
England**

Service user number

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Name(s) of account holder(s)

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Reference

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Bank/building society account number

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Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay the Alpine Club Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with the Alpine Club and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Branch sort code

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Name and full postal address of your bank or building society

To: The Manager	Bank/building society
Address	
Postcode	

Signature(s)
Date

Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account

This guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the Alpine Club will notify you 20 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request the Alpine Club to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by the Alpine Club or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
 - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the Alpine Club asks you to
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

Aspirant Membership Application - Guidance Notes

Step 1: Complete the Application Form

Section 1 Personal Details

This is self-explanatory. We ask for your occupation as we occasionally seek volunteers with specific skills. It is important that you provide us with an email address.

Section 2 Climbing Experience

This section is simply to find out about the climbing you have done and which one of the two Aspirant Membership types your application is suitable for:

1. Those that have some alpine mountaineering experience, including the key experience of roped glacier travel and mixed snow and rock climbing to PD grade.
For Aspirant Membership you will normally need to have been to the Alps once and completed at least two routes. After answering the first two questions, and ticking the "Alpine Mountaineering" box, just list the routes or peaks you have completed; failures may also be listed. If your ascent was guided, or on skis, please note that. Scottish or other UK winter routes and any routes in the Greater Ranges, Andes, Rockies, Himalayas, etc. are also taken into account. Also tell us about your rock climbing experience if this helps to give a better picture. Rock climbing experience on low, accessible crags is not usually sufficiently Alpine in nature to gain admittance to the Club but major rock routes in high or remote areas certainly count. If you have been on any expeditions tell us something about them as well. Alpine Club members have been to all the major ranges in the world so we are very pleased to hear about your expedition experience. The Alpine Club is very much a network for exchanging this sort of information.
2. Those that have a high level of mountaineering skill in both UK winter and summer, but have not as yet climbed in an alpine environment and now wish to take it to an alpine level.
A winter mountaineering and climbing apprenticeship that includes mixed winter climbing in Scotland provides a good grounding and helps develop the skills beneficial for technical mixed snow and rock in an alpine environment such as moving together while roped and climbing rock without removing crampons. After answering the first two questions, and ticking the "UK Mountaineering" box, list your Scottish or other UK winter routes. You should note that this Aspirant membership category is for a fixed term that expires in the December of your first membership year during which time you are expected to gain sufficient Alpine mountaineering experience to enable you to successfully upgrade to become an Aspirant member with Alpine Mountaineering experience or a Full member. If you do not achieve this within the fixed term then your membership will lapse. However, if in due course you gain the necessary Alpine Mountaineering skills you can re-apply to become a member of the Alpine Club.

Section 3 Other Contributions to Mountaineering

We would also like to hear about any other contributions you have made to mountaineering and the mountain environment. This might include running a club or an expedition, research, writing articles or books, painting, environment preservation, etc.

Section 5 Proposer

All applications for Aspirant Membership need a Proposer who must be *either* a Full Member of the Alpine Club *or* an elected officer of a club affiliated to the BMC, Mountaineering Scotland, MI or any member of the British Association of Mountain Guides. Your Proposer must know you personally and complete, sign and return to us the attached pro-forma Letter of Support. **If you do not know anyone who is eligible to support your application, tick the appropriate box.** We will help by arranging for a member to talk to you about your application and, if appropriate, act as your Proposer. The Chair of the Membership Applications Sub-Committee will contact you to organise this and give you any other advice or help you need.



Section 6 Direct Debit Form and Cheque – see Step 3 below

It is a condition of membership that if you have a UK bank account, you MUST pay your subscription by Direct Debit, even if you live abroad. The information you provide on the Direct Debit form is held confidentially. The cheque is for your first subscription payment. The Direct Debit form and the cheque will be destroyed should your application be unsuccessful.

Section 7 Authorisation

Please sign and date the form having read the disclaimer. Alpine climbing has objective dangers and we have to make it clear to members that they need to be responsible for their own actions.

Step 2: Complete the Applicant's section of the pro-forma Letter of Support and send it with a copy of your Application to your Proposer to complete and return to us.

Skip this step if you wish us to help you find a Proposer.

Step 3: Complete the Direct Debit form. Enclose a cheque for the correct subscription amount payable to "Alpine Club".

Skip this step if you do not have a UK bank account.

Step 4a: If you have a UK Bank account, send the application form with the completed Direct Debit form and cheque to the Club. Once accepted, we will cash the cheque to cover your first subscription and deduct your subscriptions for subsequent years by Direct Debit.

OR

Step 4b: If you live outside the UK and do NOT have a UK Bank account, send the application form to the Club. Once accepted, we will send you information on how to pay on-line by credit or debit card.

Subscription rates are shown on the **Join Us** page of the Club's website at: www.alpine-club.org.uk

Applicants accepted after 1st October will be credited for the following year's subscription; i.e. the first membership year will last for up to fifteen months.

Step 5: Please return the completed application form, with cheque and Direct Debit form if applicable, to: The Office Manager, Alpine Club, 55 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3QF.

Please contact the Club office if you have any queries or require help with the application: +44(0)20 7613 0755; email: admin@alpine-club.org.uk
