



Current or Former PGA/LPGA TOUR Player Members with 30 Work Experience Credits

Current and former Class A-3 PGA/LPGA TOUR Player members (and other PGA of America Board approved Tours), who have accumulated 30 experience credits (which can be a combination of tour participation credits and/or college education credits), have been provided the opportunity to “test-out” of the PGM Associate Program education requirements in lieu of completing the program in its entirety. The “test-out” option consists of knowledge tests, which includes a test on the PGA Constitution and Bylaws.

The following membership requirements will need to be satisfied:

Complete and return the History Sheet.

- **Complete the Pre-Qualifying Level (this test must be completed within six (6) months of purchase) and knowledge tests for the 3 levels of the PGA PGM Program within two (2) years from the date of purchasing the Level 1 study materials.**
- **Obtain Eligible Employment.** An individual **must** be primarily employed in the area required by the active classification. The definition of primary employment and classifications for Class "A" members may be found in the current PGA Constitution and Bylaws, Appendix A, Article V, or can be viewed on PGA's website: www.PGA.org by clicking on Path to Membership, then the PGM Associate Program, by scrolling down to Eligible Employment.
- **Complete a Background Check.** To complete the Background Check, log onto www.empscreen.com/pgasp and follow the instructions.
(If you have been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or equivalent, you should submit documentation to the PGA Membership Department to determine your eligibility for PGA Membership prior to proceeding. Per the PGA Code of Ethics, certain transgressions are cause for permanent preclusion to PGA Membership.)
- **Obtain and complete a Member Change Form (current PGA of America member) or Membership Application.**

For any questions or to discuss this process further, please contact the Membership Services Department at (800) 474-2776.

Credit Accumulation: Credits are earned from playing in PGA/LPGA or Korn Ferry/Epson Tour events at ½ credit per event provided 2 or more rounds are played. The maximum credits on the PGA/LPGA Tour are 12 credits per calendar year. The Korn Ferry/Epson Tour (Developmental Tours) maximum credits per calendar year are 6; to a lifetime maximum of 18. Tour credits can be carried forward to the required credits for club professional membership provided the individual has not regained amateur status. Regaining amateur status or participating in amateur golf events shall negate all prior work experience credits.