



WHAT IS AIRSO?

AIRSO was formed in 1965 to provide support for individuals working in the area of road safety; particularly within industry and as a means by which the views among professional colleagues could be exchanged. Membership of AIRSO has since developed and is open to any person whose work is in any way connected with the promotion of road safety. As such the breadth of the Membership provides a high level of professionalism and expertise.

AIRSO became a registered charity in 1996.

AIRSO is an independent Membership organisation working in the interests of road safety, highly respected in the field within the public, private and voluntary sector. It is consulted by statutory and non-statutory organisations on road safety issues. Members represent a wide cross-section of commercial transport, fleet management, driver training, independent and local government road safety organisations, the armed services, the emergency services and enforcement agencies etc.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER OF AIRSO?

- **AIRSO** provides for Members to express their views on road safety issues and gives direct access to experts and policy makers in all areas of road safety. You will gain from the personal contact and networking with professionals working in the field of Road Safety.
- **AIRSO** organises a range of low cost, high value events throughout the UK, such as conference style meetings, lectures, interactive seminars, specific subject based forums and discussions, study days and breakfast meetings etc in order to increase the knowledge of its members and provide the opportunity for sharing and networking amongst other Road Safety Professionals.
- **AIRSO** arranges workshops to consider and reply to specific consultation documents giving Members an opportunity to understand the complexities of any proposed changes and to share in any response which is made.
- **AIRSO** is a key player in the field of Managing Occupational Road Risk being able to guide Members towards the development of policies appropriate to reducing at work road safety crashes and collisions.
- **AIRSO** through its range of activities; is essential for your Continuing Professional Development and as a means to keep you up to date with new road safety initiatives.

HOW DOES AIRSO COMMUNICATE WITH ITS MEMBERS?

Members have access to the password protected "Members Section" of the Association's Website where you will find road safety information and the directory of all Members thereby the sources to gain/share information and advice for the further improvement of road user behaviour, attitude and skills. Members are kept up to date via email communication on a regular (approximately 1- 2 weeks) basis and by means of regular mailings throughout the year.

HOW DOES AIRSO CONDUCT ITS ROAD SAFETY WORK?

AIRSO conducts its high profile road safety work via a Road Safety Group which comprises a number of portfolio holders who have been appointed to head up the work of the Association in the areas of Law, Motorcycling, Education, Training & Publicity, Public Service Vehicles and Training, Large Goods Vehicles and Training, Car and Light Goods Vehicles and Training, Managing Occupational Road Risk, Emergency Services, Road Safety Engineering and Vehicle Safety. In addition its Road Safety Group is supported by eight Members who are elected annually by the Membership.

AIRSO has excellent working relationships with the Department for Transport, Driving Standards Agency (DSA), Vehicle and Operators Services Agency (VOSA), and the Highways Agency who regularly consult the Association on issues of national importance. It also has strong links with many other Road Safety Organisations such as the Institute of Advanced Motorists, the Driving Instructors Association, the Motors Schools Association, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, the RAC, the AA, the Guild of Experience Motorists, the Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association etc.

AIRSO is a Member of the Parliamentary Council for Transport Safety, The National Road Safety Committee, The London Accident Prevention Council, the Occupational Road Risk Alliance and Roadsafe. In addition it is frequently invited to serve on Working Groups to consider road safety issues which impact both on a national and international basis.

AIRSO is a signatory to the European Road Safety Charter.

HOW IS AIRSO GOVERNED?

AIRSO is governed by a Council of Management comprising nine annually elected Members who also act as trustees in connection with the charitable status of the Association. From within the Council of Management comes an elected Chairman who serves in this capacity for a period of twelve months. It is normal practice for the retiring Chairman to become the Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Council of Management is elected to oversee the running and development of the Association and in turn they appoint a Secretary and Treasurer to manage the day to day affairs of the organisation.

WANT TO JOIN AIRSO?

AIRSO membership is personal to you and wherever you are it travels with you. It cannot be transferred onto another person. Once you have been accepted into membership you are entitled to use the letters MAIRSO after your name and on any stationery or business cards you have. In due course a Certificate of Membership will be presented to you by the Chairman of the Association.

The annual membership fee is just £50.00. Once accepted into Membership of AIRSO you will be encouraged to consider paying your annual subscription by Bankers Standing Order which will attract a reduced fee. Complete an application form and return it to the Secretary.

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