

Services Export Promotion Council

Setup by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India

" STARTUP INDIA "

Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) has reduced its membership fee as step taken for promotion of new "Start ups" subsequent to "STARTUP INDIA" scheme promoted by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

Onetime admission fee for SEPC's new membership registration under "STARTUP" scheme for individual/ordinary membership category and institutional/corporate membership has been waived off and accordingly, applicants applying for new membership under "STARTUP" scheme" would pay only annual fee + GST (18%).

To avail of this onetime benefit, a STARTUP will have to enclose a copy of its STARTUP registration. This benefit can be availed during the period of validity of registration as a STARTUP.

Startup India is a flagship initiative of the Government of India, intended to build a strong eco-system for nurturing innovation and Startups in the country that will drive sustainable economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities. The Government through this initiative aims to empower Startups to grow through innovation and design.

In order to meet the objectives of the initiative, Government of India announced the Action Plan that addresses all aspects of the Startup ecosystem on 16th January 2016. With this Action Plan the Government hopes to accelerate spreading of the Startup movement. The Action Plan is based on the following three pillars:

- Simplification and Handholding
- Funding Support and Incentives
- Industry-Academia Partnership and Incubation

STARTUP DEFINITION (AS DEFINED BY DIPP)

Startup means an entity, incorporated or registered in India:

- Up to 7 years and for biotechnology startups up to 10 years from its date of incorporation / registration.
- Incorporated as either a Private Limited Company or a Registered Partnership Firm or a Limited Liability Partnership.
- Turnover for any fiscal year has not exceeded INR 25 crore.
- Entity should not have been formed by splitting up or reconstruction a business already in existence
- Working towards innovation, development or improvement of products or processes or services, or if it is a scalable business model with a high potential of employment generation or wealth creation

Provided that a Startup shall be eligible for tax benefits only after it has obtained certification from the Inter-Ministerial Board, setup for such purpose.

SEPC's fee structure for new membership registration fees under "STARTUP" scheme:

1	Life Members	Rs. 5 Lakhs (one time contribution) + Rs. 90,000 (GST 18%)	Total Rs. 5,90,000/-
2	Individual Ordinary Members(Proprietorship/Partnership)	Rs. 7,500 as annual membership fee + Rs. 1350 (GST 18%) + Rs. 5,000 as one time admission fee + Rs. 900 (GST 18%) (Onetime admission fee under "STARTUP" scheme is not applicable)	Total Rs. 14,750/-
3	Institutional/Corporate Members (All Pvt. Ltd. or Public Limited Companies, Associations, Institutions etc.)	Rs. 20,000 as annual membership fee + Rs. 3600 (GST 18%) + Rs. 15,000 as one time admission fee + Rs. 2700 (GST 18%) (Onetime admission fee under "STARTUP" scheme is not applicable)	Total Rs. 41,300/-

Notifications and action plan for "STARTUP":

1. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion Notification dated 17th February, 2016, G.S.R. 180 (E)
2. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion Notification dated 23rd May, 2016, G.S.R. 501 (E)
3. Action plan – Startup India.
