

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Sub: Renewal of Membership for the year 2026-27

Thank you for being a Member of Council for Leather Exports.

As you are kindly aware your current year Membership with the Council is valid up to 31st March 2026. Accordingly, renewal of membership for the next financial year 2026-27 falls due on 1st April 2026, as per Article 13 of the Articles of Association of the Council.

Therefore, the Council requests Members to renew your membership by submitting the Membership Renewal Application Form along with applicable payment of annual membership subscription for the year 2026-27 through DGFT website <https://www.dgft.govt.in> (by using your log-in and password) under heading of SERVICE: E-RCMC Menu, as per Trade Notice No. 35/2021-22 dated 24.2.2022 issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade.

The category-wise membership renewal fee is as under:

Member category based on previous year export FOB value	Membership Renewal fee 2026-27	GST 18%	Total Membership Renewal fee for 2026-27
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:			
Below Rs. 15 lakh (I)	Rs.5,000	Rs.900	Rs.5,900
ORDINARY MEMBERS:			
Above Rs. 15 lakhs & upto 1 crore (H)	Rs.8,000	Rs.1,440	Rs.9,440
Above Rs. 1 crore & upto 5 crore (G)	Rs.20,000	Rs.3,600	Rs.23,600
Above Rs. 5 crore & upto 10 crore (F)	Rs.25,000	Rs.4,500	Rs.29,500
Above Rs. 10 crore & upto 50 crore (E)	Rs.40,000	Rs.7,200	Rs.47,200
Above Rs. 50 crore & upto 100 crore (D)	Rs.60,000	Rs.10,800	Rs.70,800
Above Rs. 100 crore & upto Rs.200 crore (C)	Rs.80,000	Rs.14,400	Rs.94,400
Above Rs. 200 crore & upto Rs.300 crore (B)	Rs.1,00,000	Rs.18,000	Rs.1,18,000
Above Rs.300 crore (A)	Rs.1,25,000	Rs.22,500	Rs.1,47,500
Above Rs.500 crore (K)	Rs.1,50,000	Rs.27,000	Rs.1,77,000

Please note that the validity of Registration-cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) is subject to renewal of membership every financial year. Hence, please ensure that your membership is renewed at the earliest so that you may continue availing the following benefits / concessions/ schemes of Govt. of India. These can be availed by the Registered Members of the Council.

I. Schemes under Foreign Trade Policy:

All schemes notified in the Foreign Trade Policy can be availed subject to obtaining the Registration Cum Membership Certificate (RCMC) of CLE. These include the following.

- Import duty exemption under Advance Authorisation Scheme for notified inputs as per Standard Input Output Norms and subject to export obligation.

- import duty exemption under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) subject to fulfillment of export obligation of 6 times of duty saved in 6 years.

II. International Marketing Support:

- Market Access Support under EXPORT PROMOTION MISSION - NIRYAT DISHA Scheme

The Government of India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, DGFT has launched the Market Access Support Intervention under the EXPORT PROMOTION MISSION (EPM) - NIRYAT DISHA Scheme on 31st December, 2025, with a view to strengthening India's export market access through structured support for activities such as Buyer-Seller Meets (BSMS), Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets (RBSMS), trade fairs, exhibitions, and related market access initiatives. The Scheme implementation will be undertaken through the Trade Connect ePlatform (<https://www.trade.gov.in>). The earlier MAI Scheme will be subsumed under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – Niryat Disha Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2025.

Under the said Scheme, companies registered with CLE can avail funding support for participation in the overseas fairs/exhibitions and buyer seller meets besides trade delegations and RBSMs, subject to fulfillment of the following major conditions:-

- a. All participating entities must possess a valid IEC (not suspended or cancelled)
- b. Participating entity should have been member of the organizing agency (CLE) for a minimum period of six months prior to the event.
- c. Participating entity should not be in the Denied Entity List (DEL).
- d. Participating entity shall mandatorily create their profile under the 'Source from India' section online (on <https://trade.gov.in>) for availing this support.

III. CBFTE Scheme for First Time Exporters

Ministry of MSME, Government of India is providing funding support to Micro & Small category units under Capacity Building of First Time MSE Exporters [CBFTE] sub-component under International Cooperation [IC] Scheme of the Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India

This scheme helps MSE Exporters access international markets and integrate with global value chains.

First-time exporters can get **75% reimbursement (up to ₹20,000)** of the **Registration-Cum-Membership Fee** paid to Export Promotion Councils (EPCs). Eligible units must have **Udyam Registration** and an **Import-Export Code not older than 3 years**, along with proof of export shipments in the same financial year.

IV. ADEETIE Scheme for Leather & Footwear Sector

The Ministry of Power, Government of India through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is implementing the **Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments (ADEETIE)** scheme, a flagship initiative to help MSMEs adopt energy-efficient technologies.

Under the scheme, interest subvention of 5% for Micro & Small enterprises and 3% for Medium enterprises is provided for projects with loans ranging from ₹10 lakh to ₹15 crore, applicable to MSMEs registered on the Udyam portal. Additionally, MSMEs can receive reimbursement up to ₹1 lakh for preparation of DPRs by Certified Energy

Auditors (CEA), Certified Energy Managers (CEM), or energy auditing firms, subject to approval by a lending institution. BEE has empanelled Certified Energy Auditors (CEAs) and Accredited Energy Auditor (AEA) firms to conduct Investment Grade Energy Audits (IGEA) and assist in preparing DPRs.

V. Establishment of e-Facilitation (e-Sewa) Centre for Leather & Footwear Industry in Head Office of the CLE

With a view to facilitate the industry more particularly MSME industries in the leather and footwear sector, to provide a digital platform and hand-holding support to the MSME Sector in availing the various schemes of the GOI and State Governments, and for filing the new membership application as well as applications for membership renewal etc, the CLE has established an e-Facilitation (e-Sewa) Centre for Leather & Footwear Industry in the CLE Head Office @ Chennai.

Interested units can visit the CLE office (as per their convenience and choice) or establish contact with the CLE through Email or phone with all required supporting documents(or share these to CLE through Email) and submit their applications in the online portal, through the CLE staff of e-Sewa Centre who will prepare and submit the applications. User Service Charge @ 1% of the value of the application + applicable GST is payable to the CLE for availing the services of e-Sewa Centre.

VI. Other Services to Members:

- 1. Circulars:** CLE sends regular circulars on various topics including Foreign Trade Policy, Customs, GST, Banking etc. to all members
- 2. Bharat Footwear and Leather News :** CLE's digital magazine BHARAT FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER NEWS is circulated to all members. This magazine has updates on National and International events, policy matters etc,
- 3. Procedural Issues of Members:** CLE takes up issues faced by members relating to Customs, GST, etc with the concerned Departments.
- 4. Visa Letters:** CLE issues Visa recommendation letters for members and letters for carrying samples to overseas countries.
- 5. Non Preferential Certificates of Origin :** CLE issues non preferential certificates of origin for which application has to be filed online through DGFT portal.
- 6. Textile Certificate:** CLE issues Textile Certificate on payment of prescribed fee, on the basis of which textile articles used as inputs in leather products and footwear can be imported by members without referring to Textile Committee.
- 7. CLE issues Certificate under QCOs –** Import clearance of four items of footwear Soles for the purpose of production or assembling of footwear for exports, based on the self-declaration by the Importer and certification by the Council for Leather Exports (CLE)
- 8. Export Performance or GST Paid certification:** CLE issues this certificate for Exemption from execution of bank guarantee under Advance Authorization

(AA), Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) schemes

Procedure for Filing the Online Membership Renewal Application:

- Please visit the DGFT website <https://www.dgft.gov.in> (by using your log-in and password) for submission of the CLE RCMC renewal and for new RCMC. Please refer SERVICES: E-RCMC Menu in the website.
- The Membership renewal Fee also has to be paid through the above DGFT website only.
- CLE will verify the application and issue RCMC online through the DGFT website. In case of any discrepancy in the application, the same will be returned to you, requesting to re-submit correct application.

With regard to the submission of RCMC application through DGFT website, you may also note the following instructions notified vide DGFT Trade Notice No. 27/2021-22 dated 30.11.21.

- a. Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)/Aadhar would be required for the purpose of electronic submission of applications. The digital signature would be the same as used in other DGFT applications.*
- b. No separate registration is required for availing the RCMC/RC service from the DGFT Portal. Already registered exporters/importers can avail the service using the same login credentials.*

The e- RCMC user Guide issued by DGFT is enclosed herewith.

As mentioned above, in respect of members already registered in DGFT website, they can apply for RCMC using their log in and password. Un-registered members have to register in the DGFT website.

Online Membership filing in CLE's website www.clemembers.com

In addition to the details provided in the DGFT website, members also have to provide the data through the following link in CLE website as the export data is essential for compiling the export performance of the leather and footwear sector, for selection of Annual Export Awards of CLE & Election purpose.

- ✓ **Log on to the CLE members portal www.clemembers.com for submitting your "RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM 2026-27.**
- ✓ Fill up the Renewal Application Form provided therein.
- ✓ Upload the **Bank Certificate** duly certified by your Banker **or Certificate issued by Chartered Accountant** (Format provided enclosed) for the export value during 2025-26. In case of no export during 2025-26, please mention as "NIL" export for which No Bank/CA Certificate is required.
- ✓ Upload a self certified copy of **Udyam Registration Certificate / MSME Certificate** Part-II issued by Ministry of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME) **or** Industrial Licence / IEM issued by the licensing authority (Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India), **in case of Manufacturer Exporter.**

- ✓ ***The export performance data furnished by your company in the Membership Renewal Application Form will be considered by the Council for the purpose of determining CLE Annual Export Awards that will be presented to Member-Exporters for different product categories in respect of the year 2025-26 and for Election purpose.*** Members who do not furnish the required information as per the prescribed format or furnish incomplete information will not be considered for the purpose of Export Awards.

Therefore, Members are requested to kindly renew your membership at the earliest so that you may continue availing the benefits / concessions/ schemes of Govt. of India, as applicable from time to time.

With regards,

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Encl: 1. Format of Bank/CA Certificate, 2. The copy of e- RCMC user Guide issued by DGFT