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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1977 No. 1788

## VALUE ADDED TAX

**The Value Added Tax (Trade Unions and Professional  
Bodies) Order 1977**

<i>Made</i>	- - - - -	1st November 1977
<i>Laid before the House of Commons</i>		10th November 1977
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	- -	1st January 1978

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 13(2) and 43(1) of the Finance Act 1972(a) as amended by the Finance Act 1977(b) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Value Added Tax (Trade Unions and Professional Bodies) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1972 as amended(d) shall be varied by the inclusion of Group 9, as follows:—

“GROUP 9—TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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1. The supply to its members of such services and, in connection with those services, of such goods as are both referable only to its aims and available without payment other than a membership subscription by any of the following non-profit making organisations:—
  - (a) a trade union or other organisation of persons having as its main object the negotiation on behalf of its members of the terms and conditions of their employment;
  - (b) a professional association, membership of which is wholly or mainly restricted to individuals who have or are seeking a qualification appropriate to the practice of the profession concerned;
  - (c) an association, the primary purpose of which is the advancement of a particular branch of knowledge, or the fostering of professional expertise, connected with the past or present professions or employments of its members;

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(a) 1972 c. 41.

(b) 1977 c. 36.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(d) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1976/128 (1976 I, p. 367).

- (d) an association, the primary purpose of which is to make representations to the Government on legislation and other public matters which affect the business or professional interests of its members.

*Notes:*

(1) Item 1 does not include any right of admission to any premises, event or performance, to which non-members are admitted for a consideration.

(2) "Trade union" has the meaning ascribed in section 28(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974(a).

(3) Item 1 shall include organisations and associations the membership of which consists wholly or mainly of constituent or affiliated associations which as individual associations would be comprised in the item; and "member" shall be construed as including such an association and "membership subscription" shall include an affiliation fee or similar levy.

(4) Paragraph (c) does not apply unless the association restricts its membership wholly or mainly to individuals whose present or previous professions or employments are directly connected with the purposes of the association.

(5) Paragraph (d) does not apply unless the association restricts its membership wholly or mainly to individuals or corporate bodies whose business or professional interests are directly connected with the purposes of the association."

*T. E. Graham,  
David Stoddart,*

1st November 1977.

Two of the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order adds a new Group to Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1972, as amended, to exempt from value added tax membership services and related goods supplied by trade unions and by certain professional, learned or representational associations.

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(a) 1974 c. 52.



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