

This is the GMC's position on changing the OGA to an incorporated organisation.

If we decide the OGA should get the benefits of becoming an incorporated organisation, the GMC recommends we should become a limited company. This has the advantage of simplicity and probable low cost, as outlined in Tony's note. (posted in the Officers Area). There would be no significant change to our normal pattern of activities.

The alternative of a becoming a Charitable organisation is likely to be more complex, due to different requirements in different nations and more demanding reporting requirements. To justify charitable status, we may have to prove we provide benefit to the wider community, not just our members. If the OGA becomes a limited company, an individual OGA area could still apply to their local jurisdiction for charitable status if they wished.

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