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## Why should you become an ACTRA Extra?

Because becoming  
an ACTRA Extra  
will give you the  
protection of being  
represented by a  
union of 18,000  
professional  
performers  
across Canada.



# ACTRA

Alliance of Cinema, Television and Radio Artists



## Why should I become an ACTRA Extra?

There are many advantages to becoming an ACTRA Extra. By becoming an ACTRA Extra you are joining Canada's largest professional performers' union. You will be protected by ACTRA collective agreements and have input into the bargaining process as it affects your wages and working conditions. ACTRA Extras will have the benefit of the union's negotiating power with producers that through the collective bargaining process will result in:

- Better wages
- Better working conditions
- Improved job opportunities
- Better protection under ACTRA's collective agreements

Other advantages include the creation of an ACTRA Extra Caucus (within larger Branches) to identify and investigate on-set issues of concern to ACTRA Extras, monitor relations between performers and agents, look at the establishment of a central casting system to better protect and promote background performers, and debate and present proposals to ACTRA's negotiating committees.

## What do I need to become an ACTRA Extra?

In order to be eligible for ACTRA Extra membership, you must prove that you have worked as a Background Performer 24 days within a 12-month period immediately preceding your application for membership.

## What will happen when I apply?

You will be asked to apply in person at your local ACTRA Branch office. You will be asked to complete an application form, present proof of your 24 work days as a Background performer and to provide a current photo and resume. If you do not have a current photo with you at the time you apply, a digital photo will be taken.

## Why do I have to provide a photo and resume to ACTRA?

ACTRA is asking for a photo and resume in order to provide ACTRA Extra members with a membership photo ID card and for inclusion in the ACTRA member database. In addition, with the membership card, ACTRA Extras will be able to access member affinity programs.

## Will I be asked to pay anything?

Yes. At the time of application, you will be asked to pay an initiation fee of \$75 plus basic dues of \$30.

## How will I be asked to maintain my membership?

To maintain your membership you will have to work 15 workdays as a Background Performer during a period of 12 consecutive months measured from March 1st of each year. The membership dues for an ACTRA Extra are 1.75% of your gross fees earned.

For more information visit ACTRA's website at: [www.actra.ca](http://www.actra.ca)