

1 What is the legal requirement that an applicant State must satisfy for admission to the EU?

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(A) The applicant State must agree to accept all EU laws passed subsequent to their joining the EU.

Answer:

(B) The applicant State must accept EU acquis.

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Feedback:

A new Member State must accept, without reservation, and from the commencement of its formal membership, the body of common rights and obligations, actual and potential, that bind all EU Member States together

(C) The applicant State must agree to accept all the legislative acts they vote for in the Council.

2 What was the total number Member States in the EU as at 1 January 2013?

(A) Ten

Answer:

(B) Twenty-seven

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(C) Fifteen

3 When does a Treaty of Accession come into force?

(A) When the candidate State signs the Treaty of Accession.

Answer:

(C) Upon the Treaty of Accession having been ratified by the candidate State and all Member States.

(B) When the candidate State signs the Treaty of Accession along with the President of the Council.

Feedback:

All current Member States must agree to any new Member State joining the EU.

(C) Upon the Treaty of Accession having been ratified by the candidate State and all Member States.

4 In what circumstances may the EU membership rights of a Member State be suspended?

Answer:

(A) When a Member State refuses to comply with a judgment of the ECJ rendered against that State for a breach of EU law

(B) When the Council, following a determination by the European Council of the existence of a serious and persistent infringement of fundamental values of the Union by the Member State

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Once the European Council has made a determination of the existence of a serious and persistent infringement of fundamental values on which the EU is based by the Member State concerned, the Council may, acting by a qualified majority, decide to suspend certain rights of the defaulting Member State, including its right to vote in the Council. However, in applying Article 7(2) TEU the Council must take account of the possible consequences of such a suspension on the rights and obligations of natural and legal persons. During suspension, the defaulting Member State is bound to carry out its obligations flowing from the Treaties, and the other Member States are bound to carry out their obligations to the defaulting Member State

(C) When a Member State threatens to withdraw from the EU.

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How can a Member State withdraw from the EU?

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(B) The Member State wishing to withdrawal must give five years notice of its intention.

Feedback:

Article 50 TEU sets out the procedure for voluntary withdrawal.

(C) There is no withdrawal from the EU.