

AdviceUK Membership – Our Membership Fees

Please read this document before completing your membership application or renewal.

Fee Structure

Our membership fees are annual and they are graduated - i.e. smaller organisations with fewer resources pay smaller annual fees.

To facilitate a fair fee structure the membership fee comprises **two elements**:

- 1. A base-fee element:** The first element is a base-fee which relates to the type and size of your organisation.¹
 - ❖ For a **small charity/CIC – volunteers only** the 2020 base fee is £129.
 - ❖ For a **small-medium charity/CIC with paid employees** the 2020 base fee is £258.
 - ❖ For a **large charity/CIC* or public sector organisations** the 2020 base fee is £387.
 - * Includes quangos, housing associations, educational & academic bodies, and charities with £10m+ annual income
 - ❖ For **commercial organisations** the 2020 base fee is £516.

- 2. A graduated element:** The second element is running costs-related. By running costs, we mean the annual amount that it costs to run your advice activities only.
 - ❖ The graduated element does not apply to the first £100,000 of your running costs/budget. So, if your advice service's running costs/budget is below £100,000 you don't pay the graduated element.
 - ❖ For organisations with running costs above £100,000 the graduated element is calculated at £1 per £1,000 above the £100,000 threshold. This makes it sensitive to fluctuations in running costs, which should help you to retain your AdviceUK membership if your funding and activities are reduced.
 - ❖ To calculate the graduated element of your fee we ask you to estimate what your advice service's running costs/budget will be for the coming year.² We accept that this will be an approximate figure - just give us your best estimate of what your running costs will be to the nearest £1,000.
 - ❖ In the case of an advice team or unit within a larger organisation please give the cost of running that team or unit only.

¹The base-fee will increase in future years to keep pace with inflation.

²We moved from using last year's actual running costs to next year's estimate in response to member feedback.

NB: Our membership year runs from January to December. Your membership fee will be pro-rata on a quarterly basis up until December if you join in or after the 2nd quarter of the year.