

AdviceUK Network Membership Fees Explained

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 2021 base fee is £129.
- For a small-medium charity/CIC with paid employees the 2021 base fee is £258.
- For a large charity/CIC* or public sector organisations the 2021 base fee is £387.
* Includes quangos, housing associations, educational & academic bodies, and large charities with £10m+ annual income
- For commercial organisations the 2021 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.