

# AdviceUK Network Membership Fees Explained

## Our Membership Fees for 2024

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.
  - For a small charity/CIC with volunteers only the 2024 base fee is £146.
  - For a small-medium charity/CIC with paid employees the 2024 base fee is £290.
  - For a large charity/CIC\* or public sector organisations the 2024 base fee is £436.\*  
Includes quangos, housing associations, educational & academic bodies, and large charities with £10m+ annual income
  - For commercial organisations the 2024 base fee is £580.

- 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.

- Volunteer-only organisations never pay a graduated element.
- 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

<sup>2</sup>We 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. Applicants joining after 1st April will pay on a pro rata basis per quarter. Applicants applying in November/December will pay the annual fee for the following membership year and receive the remainder of November/December free.