

Subscriptions – individual members

Every individual joining the SfEP at a grade above Friend is charged the subscription for Entry-Level Membership (even if you apply to join a higher grade – but see below for people rejoining after a short break). The arrangements for organisations joining as Corporate Subscribers are not covered in this note.

If you join on or after 1 September, half this subscription is charged; if you join on or after 1 January the full subscription is charged but you will not have to renew until 1 March in the following year (i.e. you will enjoy up to 14 months' membership for your subscription). **These deals are only offered to people joining us for the first time.**

At renewal, you are charged the subscription for the grade that you hold on 28/29 February (whether of right or provisionally).

If you wish to apply for a higher grade of membership you must complete and submit an upgrade form ([what's required is explained here](#)). If you apply for Professional or Advanced Professional Membership, what happens next will depend on when the Admissions Panel approve this application (if they do):

- Where approval is confirmed **on or before the following 28 February**, your subscription will go up from 1 March, i.e. the next renewal.
- If the application is still under assessment **at the following 1 March**, you will be asked to renew as (and pay the subscription for) a Professional or Advanced Professional Member, since you hold that grade on a provisional basis. If your application is not accepted, the Society refunds the difference between the Professional and the Entry-Level subscription.

See 'How provisional membership works', available to download [from the website](#), for further information.

This means that, at 1 March, Entry-Level or Intermediate Members who have not submitted an upgrade form are charged the subscription for that grade.

If you are ready to apply for one of the Professional Membership grades towards the end of the year you will have to decide whether to:

- **apply straight away** (in which case your application should be dealt with more quickly, because the Admissions Panel will usually be less busy, but you will have to pay the higher subscription for that grade at the following renewal) or
- **delay applying until at or after 1 March** (in which case you will enjoy another year at the lower subscription rate, but might have to join a queue to have your application considered by the Admissions Panel).



If you left the Society and rejoin within three years, we refund the joining fee that the system collects when you submit the joining form; or you can telephone the office, rather than completing the joining form, and we can find and reopen your member record (and would not have to charge then refund the joining fee). It would be helpful if you could confirm your membership number (and your unmarried name, if different), though this is not vital. **Please note that neither of the deals described in the second paragraph of this leaflet will be available to you, so it makes the best financial sense to rejoin from 1 March.**

In these circumstances, we also allow you to come back in at the grade you previously held – Intermediate Member, Professional Member or Advanced Professional Member – in all cases, without having to reapply to the Admissions Panel. You will be charged the subscription for the grade at which you come back, but you will not have to prepare and submit an upgrade form, nor pay the fee for applying to the Panel.