Membership Regulations 2026–27

These regulations apply from 1 October 2026. They sit alongside the Articles of Association and the Code of Professional Conduct.

1. Grades

1.1 The grades of membership are Student, Associate, Member, Fellow, Retired and Honorary Fellow.

1.2 A person may hold only one grade at a time.

1.3 Honorary Fellowship is awarded by the Council to people who have given exceptional service to the profession. No more than 3 Honorary Fellowships may be awarded in any membership year. Honorary Fellows pay no fee.

2. Applications

2.1 Applications are considered by the Membership Committee, which may delegate decisions to staff.

2.2 An applicant who is refused may ask for the decision to be reviewed within 28 days. The review is carried out by two members of the Membership Committee who were not involved in the first decision.

2.3 Upgrade assessments are marked by two assessors. Where they disagree, a third assessor decides.

3. Fees and payment

3.1 Fees are set each year by the Council.

3.2 A member whose fee is unpaid 60 days after it falls due is suspended until it is paid.

3.3 Members who pay by Direct Debit and miss two instalments in a row will be asked to pay the balance in full.

4. Members' obligations

4.1 Members must tell the Society of any change of name, address or email within 30 days.

4.2 Members must keep a CPD record and produce it if asked.

4.3 Members must not use the Society's name or logo in a way that suggests the Society endorses their work.

5. Leaving and rejoining

5.1 Members may resign at any time by writing to the Society. No refund is given for the rest of the membership year.

5.2 A former member who was expelled may not reapply for 5 years from the date of expulsion.

6. Changes to these regulations

6.1 The Council may change these regulations. Members will be given at least 30 days' notice of any change that affects their fees or grade.