# Summary of changes to membership under a single national organisation

## Categories of membership

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| Classification | Category | Current Fee | New Fee | Criteria | What’s different? |
| Student (Non-voting) | Equivalent to current Student member | $45 | $65 | Any student, full time or part time, enrolled in an **eligible course**, and who is not eligible for Professional membership  It is expected that students who qualify for Professional membership by level of experience or qualification should apply as such, not as student members. Submission of an applicant’s CV should attest to their eligibility for Student membership. | More stringent. Individuals have to be enrolled in an eligible course and  must not be eligible for Professional membership |
| Associate (non-voting) | Equivalent to current Associate Member | $105 | $135 | Anyone with an interest in editing and publishing, or A person whose work includes an element of editing, but who does not meet Professional criteria, including substantial, regular and ongoing editorial work | No change apart from fee increase |
| Professional (Voting member) | Equivalent to current Full Member | $135 | $180 | IPEd Accredited Editor, or  An eligible qualification, and cumulative work experience equivalent to one year of full-time professional editing, and continuation of substantial and regular work as a professional editor, or  Cumulative work experience equivalent to two years of full- time professional editing, and continuation of substantial and regular work as a professional editor  Professional members have to pay separately to be on the | More flexibility:  Qualifications and accreditation are recognised as contributing to eligibility |
| Honorary Life (Voting member) |  |  | Nil | Members who have made significant contributions to their branch, to IPEd or the editing profession, nominated by two Voting members and endorsed by 75% of members present at any branch general meeting and endorsed by IPEd Council, or nominated by IPEd Council and endorsed by that member’s branch  Must be endorsed by 75% of members present rather than just a majority  Must be ratified by IPED Council | IPED Council can nominate HLMs, with endorsement of Branch. |
| Non-voting | Corporate | $270 | 2-3 editorial staff $360  4-6 editorial staff $720  7-10 editorial staff $1260 | Publishing companies and other businesses and organisations that support the aims of IPEd | More categories reflecting number of editorial staff. |
| Senior Professional (Voting member) | *Possible future category* |  |  | ￼Criteria proposed include 10 years of experience plus 5 years of branch (or society) membership (or of an equivalent overseas professional association). | New category (if it happens) |

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## Other Issues

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| Concessions | Retired or temporary leave (> 6 months) $85  Concession-card holders $65  Hardship $65 | New, more flexible  Currently CSE member can ask for dispensation to pay quarterly. |
| Payments | Payment of fees is required annually but may be allowed in quarterly instalments, payable by direct debit only, if requested by a member. | More flexible |
| Joining fee | New members, lapsed members applying to re-join after 12 months and those applying to change membership to a higher category (except for students applying for Associate membership) are required to pay an administration fee of $30. The fee will not be applied to members seeking retired or temporary leave subscriptions, concessions or hardship rate | New |
| Editorial services directory | All voting members are eligible to subscribe for an entry in the Editorial Services Directory for an annual fee of $40. | Extra fee – not covered in membership fee (as is the case in most of the current Societies) |
| Branch membership | IPEd Members can only belong to one Branch at a time.  Membership of any one branch will give reciprocal rights from any other branch, or sub-branch, including member discounts for professional development | No provision to be a member of more than one Branch as at present.  Reciprocal arrangements the same but formalised. |
| Lapsed members | Membership renewal is due on the anniversary of joining and is considered to be a non-financial member if not renewed 30 days from that date. All paid memberships lapse when the payment of the subscription is overdue by 90 days. At the end of that period, the member is deemed to have resigned, and the membership shall be recorded as inactive. Quarterly payments will also be subject to the 90-day grace period.  If a lapsed member has an entry in the Editorial Services Directory that entry will also be made inactive, regardless of the date of payment for the entry.  If a lapsed member pays the subscription due before it becomes 12 months overdue, the membership may be reinstated. However, the term of the reinstated membership shall remain unchanged; that is, the ‘subscribed until’ date shall be that of the overdue subscription.  If a member wishes to re-join more than 12 months after the end date of their last active membership subscription, they shall be required to meet the membership requirements as if they were joining for the first time, including payment of the joining fee | Members will have to pay on time.  Editing Services Directory entries will be automatically deleted once a membership lapses.  If a member lapses more than 12 months they have to re-apply from scratch.  However, hardship and concession fees are available fi required. |
| Administration | Everyone will use MEMNET.  The system gives members online access to join, renew and update their details, to upload documents and pay through a variety of methods, including a ‘pay later’ option for EFT, BPay and cheque payments. Existing members will retain their current joining date but new members will be recorded from their actual date of joining, avoiding the issue of part-year joining fees.  The system also records member take-up of professional development through online registration for branch training events and conferences. It will also operate the national freelance register with multiple search fields (see below). | Expected to save a lot of time in processing memberships.  It will be a huge benefit for the Accreditation Board when assessing renewals as they:   * won’t have to maintain a separate database of AEs * will have access to up-to-date email addresses of AEs needing renewal * will have access to professional development activities of AEs applying for renewal.   ￼ |