

Society Membership Subscription Rates 2020

Members are invited to approve the recommendation from Council to make no adjustment to the membership subscription rates for 2020.

1. Background

The Society reviews its membership subscription rates every year to ensure any adjustments required are relatively small and in line with inflation as well as the other organisations' rates against which we compare ourselves.

Members approved a small increase in subscriptions as well as a narrowing of the gap between the amount members paid by direct debit and those paying by other methods at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

2. The current situation

New legislation in 2018 has banned credit and debit card surcharges. The Society's interpretation of this legislation, based on legal advice, is that the practice of offering a discount for payments made by direct debit, should no longer be followed. As a result, the Society has now aligned subscription rates to be the same, irrespective of the methods of payment used.

A consequence of this has seen some members being asked to pay more at their point of renewal, while others have been offered a small one-off refund. These actions have been taken to bring our rates into alignment, which they now are.

3. Proposed subscription rates for 2020

Given the adjustments already made to the membership subscription rates in 2019 as result of the new legislation, the Society does not propose to make any further increases in 2020.

The membership rates are shown in the table overleaf.

4. Membership rates

	Description:	Duration:	Payment by:	UK/Ireland	Rest of the World	
				applicants (£ stg) Including a hard copy of <i>Microbiology Today*</i> magazine	applicants (£stg) Including a hard copy of <i>Microbiology Today*</i> magazine	Excluding a hard copy of <i>Microbiology Today*</i> magazine
Full Membership	For those with an academic or professional interest in microbiology	One year	Credit card, cheque, bank transfer and direct debit	79	89	79
Full Membership Concessionary	For those with an academic or professional interest in microbiology, earning less than £35,000 or equivalent	One year	Credit card, cheque, bank transfer and direct debit	38	48	38
Postgraduate Student Member	For those registered for a higher degree	One year	Credit card, cheque, bank transfer and direct debit	38	48	38
		Three years		100	125	100
Undergraduate Student Member	For those studying at undergraduate level	One year	Credit card, cheque, bank transfer and direct debit	17	27	17
		Three years		43	69	43
Affiliate Membership	For anyone with an interest in microbiology	One year	Affiliate membership is free.			