

# Membership terms and conditions

This document outlines basic terms and conditions, timescales and associated fee(s) for Association of Quality Economics (AQE) membership.

## About AQE

AQE is currently hosted by SOS UK and supported by the New Economics Foundation. AQE has an independent advisory board that is separate to the SOS UK board of trustees. Between 2026 and 2029, AQE will become an independent community interest company with its own board of trustees and governance structures and a formally recognised Public Reporting Body.

## All members

AQE will have annual general meetings taking place from 2027 onwards, in which all AQE members will have voting rights, including for AQE leadership elections, strategy, etc. AQE members are not members of SOS UK and do not have voting rights for SOS UK.

Membership of the AQE does not confer 'representative' status; unless specifically designated, you may not act on behalf of the AQE or SOS UK (including via any messaging, public speaking, social media).

AQE membership includes access to exclusive workshops and trainings, resources and networking events, and opportunity to shape membership offering. AQE members will also access opportunities to shape AQE accreditation for economics courses and modules, and feed into other policy initiatives.

When attending any AQE events or meetings, you will be bound by the AQE's code of conduct.

## Annual membership subscriptions

The membership year is 12 months from the date of joining or renewing. When you sign up to, or renew, membership of the AQE, you agree to do so for a full year. Individual members will pay the full membership cost at point of sign up if signing up on the website. Institutions buying membership will be invoiced and will pay within 30 days of receipt of invoice. SOS UK reserve the right to charge interest on late payment of invoices. This would be 8%, plus the Bank of England base rate, on the full amount due for each seven days that the payment is delayed by.

As of April 2026, membership costs include (inclusive of VAT):

1. A student or recent graduate (£35 per year)
2. Early career academic or industry professional (£55 per year)
3. Mid-career academic or industry professional (£85 per year)
4. Senior professor or industry professional (£100 per year)
5. Institutional membership
  - a. Tier 1 (50 members) £3000 (£60 per membership of any kind)
  - b. Tier 2 (100 members) £5,500 (£55 per membership of any kind)
  - c. Tier 3 (150 members) £6750 (£45 per membership of any kind)
  - d. Tier 4 (300 members) £10,500 (£35 per membership of any kind)

Membership costs are subject to change on an annual basis every April. All members will be notified of any membership cost changes at least one month before changes take place.

Members will be notified at least two months before their membership is up for renewal. Auto-renewal is optional.

If you wish to cancel your membership at any time, please email [hello@associationforqualityeconomics.org](mailto:hello@associationforqualityeconomics.org).

There is a 14-day cooling off period from sign up in which you can cancel your membership and receive a full refund. After this time, AQE does not offer membership refunds of any kind.



## Licence

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The ownership, copyright and Intellectual Property within the membership services produced by AQE shall vest in AQE and its host, SOS UK.

AQE reserves the right to request that any reference to AQE is removed from external communications by the member, and the member will agree that they will remove any such reference upon any request of SOS UK.

The Modern Slavery Act is not applicable to SOS UK as it has an annual turnover of less than £36 million annually. SOS UK has an anti-bribery policy.

## Your personal data

SOS UK hosts AQE and runs the AQE website and the AQE membership portal on which all membership data are stored. We use the personal data you provide to us as an AQE member to provide you with the AQE membership services. It is provided as legitimate interest. SOS UK, the New Economics Foundation, or authorised representatives, may contact you to discuss your membership or any of the services we provide.

SOS UK [privacy policy](#) describes how we protect your personal data, the reasons and methods we may use to contact you, and the trusted partners we may share data with to deliver services to our members.

If you have any questions or concerns about how we use your data, please contact [hello@sos-uk.org](mailto:hello@sos-uk.org).

**If you change your email address, or if any of the other information we hold is inaccurate or out of date, please update your details on the AQE membership platform, or email us if you need help: [hello@associationforqualityeconomics.org](mailto:hello@associationforqualityeconomics.org).**

