

# INDEPENDENT HIGHER EDUCATION

## Annual membership subscriptions 2026

### Basic element

*(by company size)*

Company size	Annual fee
Micro	£1,410
Small	£2,700
Medium	£3,990
Large	£5,280

### Supplementary element

*(by FTE regulated HE student numbers)*

FTE HE student numbers	Annual fee
Up to 25	£580
26-50	£870
51-75	£1,150
76-100	£1,440
101-300	£2,300
301-500	£2,880
501-1000	£3,620
1001-1500	£4,540
1501-2500	£5,690
2501-5000	£7,130
5001-10,000	£8,920
10,001-20,000	£11,200
20,001+	£14,080

## Membership subscriptions policy

1. Every Member shall pay the **basic element** applicable to their size, based on the accepted UK accounting definitions of micro, small, medium and large companies as set out below. Where the three indicators point to different sizes, the balance of 'two out of three' will generally apply, but a determination will be made by the Chief Executive.

Company Category	Staff headcount	Turnover	Balance sheet total
Large	>250	>£36 million	>£18 million
Medium	<250	<£36 million	<£18 million
Small	<50	<£10.2 million	<£5.1 million
Micro	<10	<£632,000	<£316,000

2. A Member who is **ineligible for registration with the Office for Students** by virtue of being located in the devolved nations, or being too much under foreign ownership and control, or having a portfolio which does not include any courses formally recognised as higher education; and has fewer than 301 full time equivalent students on regulated higher education courses, will pay only the basic element which is appropriate to their size.
3. A Member who is **eligible for registration** with the Office for Students must pay the **supplementary element** applicable to their FTE 'regulated HE students', except where IHE confirms that the Member is not registered, does not have an application for registration in progress, has no plan to register within the next two years, and has fewer than 301 full time equivalent students on regulated higher education courses. In the event that such a Member decides later to apply for registration, the Member shall inform IHE of this decision as soon as is practicable and shall become liable from this point for a supplementary fee for the current year pro rata.
4. FTE regulated HE student numbers will include all students taught by the Member, including via a franchise or **subcontractual arrangement**.
5. A Member who operates more than one brand or trading name under their corporate entity will have the option of paying the **multiple brand supplement**, which currently stands at £500 per annum per additional brand. This will enable the brands to have individual listings on all relevant IHE promotional material, including the IHE website.
6. The subscription year runs from 1 January to 31 December. Full-time equivalent student numbers for the preceding academic year (1 August to 31 July) must be submitted to IHE by 30 November each year as part of the Member's Annual Declaration.
7. The subscription fee for Members who join IHE after 1 January shall be calculated pro rata on the basis of the number of calendar months in membership for the remainder of the year from the date of admission into membership.

Further details of the policy on membership subscription fees and payments are included in the [IHE Rules](#).