



Membership Subscription 2021 Terms and Conditions

1 The Subscription Year

The subscription year corresponds with the calendar year 2021. Subscriptions for the 2021 membership are due on 1st January 2021.

1.1 Renewal of subscriptions within the first four months of 2021

Membership may be renewed without loss of continuity or incurring a penalty within a grace period after a subscription falls due. Membership benefits will continue within this period..

Membership will lapse unpaid if the total subscription due has not been received in full by 31st May 2021 unless a monthly instalment scheme has been agreed with the Royal Society of Chemistry (see below) or unless otherwise agreed by Council.

1.2 Reinstatement because of late payment in 2021

Membership may be reinstated without loss of continuity to anyone who pays the outstanding 2021 subscription and any other arrears in full during 2021.

1.3 Re-admission beyond 2021

Members more than one year in arrears with their subscriptions will be readmitted to membership but may be required to re-apply s

(ii) *members fully retired from employment*

A member who is 50 years of age or over on 1st January 2021 and fully retired may pay the reduced rates as follows:

Fellow (FRSC)	£83
Member (MRSC)	£72
Associate Member (AMRSC)	£44
Affiliate	£49

This reduced rate can be applicable indefinitely and requires no proof of income.

(iii) *members pursuing a course of study in the chemical sciences or work based learning*

Undergraduate and postgraduate students who are studying full time for a higher degree (e.g. PGCE, MSc, MPhil, PhD) may pay a reduced subscription, which is £20 in 2021. Each member claiming this reduction must confirm student status and declare to the Royal Society of Chemistry the University or College at which they are studying.

Members undertaking work based learning are eligible to pay a reduced subscription of £20 for 2021.

(iv) *members receiving an income below £28,000*

A member whose gross income (i.e. total annual income before deductions of taxes and other contributions such as pension investments and donations) is less than £28,000 is entitled to pay a reduced subscription. The amount payable in 2021 is as follows:

Fellow (FRSC)	£83
Member (MRSC)	£72
Associate Member (AMRSC)	£44
Affiliate	£49

A member who is eligible to pay a reduced subscription must confirm that their income falls below this level. This can be done verbally, in an email from a personal mailbox or by choosing the reduction at the point of on line renewal. The Royal Society of Chemistry may require a member to complete and sign a written confirmation. This reduction will need to be claimed each year and will not be automatically rolled over.

The eligibility of a member living outside the UK will be established by converting the total annual income in local currency into Great Britain Pounds (GBP) using the daily rate. The Royal Society of Chemistry uses the XE website (www.xe.com) as a reference for this purpose. The Royal Society of Chemistry cannot accept payment even of a reduced subscription from a member living outside the UK in any currency other than GB Pounds, US Dollars, or Euros.

(vii) *Students living in less developed countries*

Undergraduate and postgraduate students who are studying full time for a higher degree (e.g. PGCE, MSc, MPhil, PhD) who are residing in one of the countries listed below may pay a reduced subscription fee which is £10 in 2021

Afghanistan	Guatemala	Palau
Albania	Guinea	Panama
Algeria	Guinea-Bissau	Papua New Guinea
American Samoa	Guyana	Paraguay
Angola	Haiti	Peru
Argentina	Honduras	Philippines
Armenia	Hungary	Romania
Azerbaijan	India	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Indonesia	Samoa
Belarus	Iraq	São Tomé and Príncipe
Belize		

4 Monthly Instalments

4.1 Eligibility

The option to pay in monthly instalments is available to members who –

- (i) have no arrears outstanding on 1st January 2021;
- (ii) have a mandate to an approved electronic payment scheme accepted by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

4.2 Conditions

- (i) The facility to pay membership subscriptions by monthly instalment is available ONLY to those members who pay using an approved electronic payment scheme accepted by the Royal Society of Chemistry, that is by collection by direct debit on a UK clearing bank account; OR
- (ii) The Royal Society of Chemistry can accept no responsibility for the approval of such a mandate by a bank or credit card issuing body (financial institution) nor can it accept any responsibility for any action taken or not taken by such a financial institution or agent acting on behalf of the financial institution.
- (iii) Paid up membership will extend to the end of the month covered by the last payment received by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The Royal Society of Chemistry can accept no responsibility for any action by a financial institution or agent acting on behalf of the financial institution that result in failure by the Royal Society of Chemistry to receive payment.
- (iv) Membership will continue through a grace period of three months following the last month paid through; membership will be restored without break if EITHER
 - (a) payment of the entire balance outstanding for 2021 is received; OR
 - (b) payment of arrears is received and a new payment schedule for the remainder of 2021 is agreed; OR
 - (c) a new payment schedule for 2021 is agreed that incorporates the arrears.
- (v) Membership will be reinstated after the expiry of the grace period of four months but within 2021 if EITHER
 - (a) payment of the entire balance outstanding for 2021 is received; OR
 - (b) payment of arrears is received and a new payment schedule for 2021 is agreed; OR
 - (c) a new payment schedule for 2021 is agreed that incorporates the arrears outstanding;
AND
 - (d) there is no impediment that would cause reference to the Professional Standards Board.
- (vi) At the discretion of the Royal Society of Chemistry the facility to pay membership subscriptions by monthly instalment will be wit

4.3 Calculation of instalments

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6.2 Journals in Print

Subscription to a printed journal does not give a member access to the electronic equivalent. All members have electronic access to member only content of *Chemistry World*.

6.3 Journals Electronic

Value Added Tax (VAT) applies to all electronic journal subscriptions taken out by members resident in the EU.

Access to online journals is provided by username and password. The Royal Society of Chemistry reserves the right to withdraw access to any electronic journal without notice, if it considers the usage unreasonable or excessive.

7 Interest Groups and Divisions

7.1 Divisions

As a member, you are eligible to join all Divisions at no extra charge. The Divisions available are:

Analytical Division
Dalton Division
Education Division
Faraday Division
Industry & Technology Division
Organic Division
Chemistry Biology Interface Division
Materials Chemistry Division
Environment, Sustainability & Energy Division

7.2 Interest Groups

For 2021, as part of their membership subscriptions, **Fellows (FRSC)** are eligible to join up to three Interest Groups. Any additional groups can be joined at a cost of £10 per group.

For 2021, as part of their membership subscriptions, **Members (MRSC)** are eligible to join up to three Interest Groups. Any additional groups can be joined at a cost of £10 per group.

For 2021, as part of their membership subscriptions, **Associate Members (AMRSC)** are eligible to join up to two Interest Groups. Any additional groups can be joined at a cost of £10 per group.

For 2021, as part of their membership subscriptions, **Affiliate** members are eligible to join one Interest Group. Any additional groups can be joined at a cost of £10 per group.

For 2021, as part of their membership subscriptions, **Student** members are eligible to join up to two Interest Groups. Any additional groups can be joined at a cost of £10 per group.

