

Membership Renewal – what to do next

We hope that you have enjoyed your membership of the Society and will renew your subscription for next year, as shown on the enclosed invoice. It may well be that if you are an Ordinary Member, you are now eligible to be an Associate Member. If you wish to take this option, please complete the appropriate part of the form overleaf and supply the necessary documentation.

If you are an Associate Member of any kind, apart from a Retired Member, you should complete the appropriate declaration overleaf, confirming your eligibility for the category. If your circumstances have changed then you will need to convert to Ordinary Membership.

If you are a Postgraduate Student Member resident and registered for a higher degree *OUTSIDE THE UK or REPUBLIC OF IRELAND*, you will need to convert to Ordinary Membership on completion of your course.

The form should be returned with your payment and invoice; don't forget to mark any changes of contact details on the latter.

On-line subscription renewal

You may still be able to renew on-line, even though you are changing membership category. The declaration form overleaf is also on the website and you should follow the prompts to reach and complete it. *PLEASE NOTE* that some forms must still be mailed or faxed to the membership office, i.e. proof of salary and countersigned student status declaration.

Associate Membership includes eligible Postgraduate Students, Technicians and Retired Members as well as supporting a whole range of other microbiologists. It is open to microbiologists resident in the UK or Republic of Ireland employed in universities, research institutes, hospitals/HPA or commercial institutions, whose salaries are no higher than £27,500 p.a. gross. It is intended for graduate scientists, research assistants, postdoctoral fellows, biomedical scientists, clinical scientists, etc., as well as technicians.

Associate Postgraduate Student Membership is still available to anyone registered for a microbiology higher degree worldwide whose annual income is no higher than £27,500 p.a. gross.

Retired Associate Members have special concessions and grants for attendance at SGM meetings.

The annual subscription for Associate Membership is only £25. All Associate Members are eligible for special discounted registration fees to attend SGM meetings and receive *Microbiology Today*. They will have no voting rights in Society elections. For eligibility for grants, see www.sgm.ac.uk/grants

Full details of all membership categories are available at www.sgm.ac.uk/membership

Any questions?

If you require any help in renewing your membership, don't hesitate to either email members@sgm.ac.uk or telephone +44 (0) 118 988 1803.

All documents should be sent to:

The Membership Office, Society for General Microbiology, Marlborough House, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Reading RG7 1AG.

Membership Declaration

Name _____ Membership No. _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION RELEVANT TO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

(1)

I am a microbiologist whose annual salary does not exceed £27,500 (gross or Euro equivalent) and I am resident in the UK or Republic of Ireland.

- I am currently an Ordinary Member and I wish to convert to Associate Membership
- I am an Associate Postgraduate Student Member resident in the UK or Republic of Ireland and I have completed my higher degree. I wish to be an Associate Member.

I am a graduate scientist research assistant postdoctoral fellow
 technician biomedical scientist clinical scientist
 other (please describe) _____

- I enclose evidence that my annual salary or full-time equivalent does not exceed £27,500 (gross or Euro equivalent) *e.g. copy of recent monthly payslip*

Signature _____

(2)

I am an Associate Member resident in the UK or Republic of Ireland and I confirm that my annual salary does not exceed £27,500 (gross or Euro equivalent).

Signature _____

(3)

I am currently an Associate Postgraduate Student Member and I have not yet completed my course. I wish to remain an Associate Postgraduate Student Member.

I am a registered postgraduate student at _____ (University/Institute)
reading for _____

My estimated end date will be _____

- I confirm that my annual income does not exceed £27,500 (gross or Euro equivalent).

Signature _____

Signature of Head of Department _____

(4)

I am no longer eligible for Associate Membership and I would like to convert to Ordinary Membership.

- I am currently an Associate Postgraduate Student Member living outside the UK or Republic of Ireland and I have completed my higher degree.
- I no longer meet the criteria for Associate Membership.

Signature _____

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