

Retired Membership Terms and Conditions

1. Introduction

These Terms and Conditions set out the eligibility requirements, rights and obligations associated with Retired Membership of RICS.

By applying for and maintaining Retired Membership, you agree to comply with these Terms and Conditions, the RICS Rules of Conduct and any other applicable RICS policies and requirements.

2. Eligibility

To qualify for Retired Membership, you must:

- Hold a current RICS membership grade eligible for retirement status.
- Be fully retired from paid employment, self-employment, consultancy or any other form of remunerated professional activity.
- Have no intention of returning to paid professional practice.
- Meet any additional eligibility requirements specified by RICS from time to time.

RICS reserves the right to request evidence to verify eligibility for Retired Membership.

3. Application Process

Applications for Retired Membership can only be made during the annual membership renewal period through the Professional Fees journey within your online RICS account.

Applications submitted outside of the annual renewal process will normally take effect at the next renewal period.

Approval of Retired Membership remains at the discretion of RICS.

4. Membership Status

Retired Members remain members of RICS and may continue to use their applicable professional designation and post-nominals in accordance with RICS requirements.

Retired Membership does not constitute permission to undertake, advertise or offer professional services for remuneration.

5. Professional Practice Restrictions

Retired Members must not:

- Undertake professional work for payment or remuneration.
- Operate as a practising surveyor.
- Provide regulated professional services through a regulated firm.
- Hold themselves out as being available for professional instruction or consultancy.

Where a Retired Member subsequently undertakes paid professional work, they must notify RICS immediately and return to the appropriate membership category and subscription level.

6. Regulation and Registration Requirements

Members holding Retired Membership must:

- Deregister from the Valuer Registration Scheme where applicable.
- Cease any regulated firm activities requiring active professional membership.
- Notify RICS of any change in circumstances that may affect eligibility.

Failure to comply may result in withdrawal of Retired Membership status.

7. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Retired Members are not required to complete mandatory CPD.

However, where a Retired Member undertakes a role that requires ongoing competence requirements as determined by RICS, including certain assessment and quality assurance roles, additional CPD requirements may apply.

RICS reserves the right to require evidence of competence where appropriate.

8. Membership Benefits

Retired Members may access benefits made available by RICS from time to time, which may include:

- Professional publications and insights.
- Selected events and webinars.
- Member communities and networks.
- Volunteering, mentoring and ambassador opportunities.
- Other benefits determined by RICS.

Benefits may be amended, suspended or withdrawn at the discretion of RICS.

9. Membership Fees

Retired Membership is subject to an annual subscription fee determined by RICS.

From the 2027 subscription year, eligible members will receive an 85% discount from the applicable full membership fee.

RICS reserves the right to amend membership fees and concession levels in future years.

10. Changes in Circumstances

Retired Members must notify RICS promptly if:

- They return to paid employment.
- They commence consultancy or self-employed professional work.
- They become involved in regulated professional activities.
- Any information provided during the application process changes.

RICS may review, amend or withdraw Retired Membership status where eligibility requirements are no longer met.

11. Misrepresentation

Where RICS reasonably believes that a member:

- Has provided false or misleading information;
- Has failed to notify a relevant change in circumstances; or
- Is no longer eligible for Retired Membership,

RICS may:

- Withdraw Retired Membership status;
- Require payment of the full membership subscription;
- Recover any discount incorrectly applied; and/or
- Take any other action available under RICS regulations and disciplinary procedures.

12. Return to Full Membership

Members wishing to return to active professional practice must contact RICS before undertaking paid work.

RICS will determine the appropriate membership status, subscription level and any requirements that must be met before returning to full membership.

Members who resign their membership rather than maintain Retired Membership will be required to apply for readmission in accordance with the applicable RICS readmission process.

13. Amendment of Terms

RICS may amend these Terms and Conditions from time to time.

The latest version will be published on the RICS website and will apply from the date specified by RICS.