

Apprentice and Graduated Apprentice membership – eligibility criteria

Apprentice Membership:

An individual may be admitted to the class of apprentice member provided the individual is over sixteen years of age and is enrolled in an approved or structured apprenticeship as agreed by the Membership & Professional Standards Committee.

Apprentice membership will only be granted if the individual does not qualify by education and/or experience for any other class of membership.

Once granted, Apprentice membership has a maximum validity period of four years before an individual is expected to apply for transfer to another class of membership. Any individual who does not apply for transfer after 4 years may be automatically removed from membership.

Apprentice membership applications will be processed and passed to the Membership & Professional Standards Committee for ratification. The Membership & Professional Standards Committee will notify the Trustee Board of the election of all Apprentice members.

	Apprentice Member
Application Fee	£0.00
Subscription Fee:	£0.00 (maximum validity period of 4 years)

Graduated apprentice discount:

An individual who is eligible to become or already a full fee paying member of SOE may be applicable to receive the graduate member discount providing they meet the following requirements:

- Successfully completed apprenticeship (within five years of scheme) with a qualification that satisfies the an approved or structured apprenticeship as agreed by the Membership & Professional Standards Committee
- The apprentice graduate discount is staged over a three year period. Each discount level is available for a maximum of one year only. Members, who break membership during the three year period, may return to membership and be awarded a discount, but these cases will be decided individually at the discretion of the SOE.

	Graduate (Year 1)	Graduate Apprentice (Year 2)	Graduate Apprentice (Year 3)
Application Fee	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Subscription Fee (% Discount off membership fees only)	75% discount	50% discount	25% discount