

2027 RAS Membership Renewal Form – Online payers

The Byelaws of the Royal Astronomical Society (approved May 2026) set out the privileges and obligations of being a Fellow. By becoming or continuing to be a member of the Society you are bound to the Code of Conduct for Members and the Universal Ethical Code of Scientists. Both of these can be found on our website: **www.ras.ac.uk**.

You have opted to pay your RAS membership fee online. Please log in to the Fellows' of the RAS website to pay: **<https://fellows.ras.ac.uk/>**. Once logged in, go to **'My Details' -> 'My Memberships' ->** and click the **'Membership(s)'** payment button.

Please note that we no longer accept payments by cheque.

If you have a UK bank account and would like to pay by direct debit, you can set this up online. Once logged into the Fellows' of the RAS website, go to **'My Details' -> 'My Memberships' ->** and click the **'Membership(s)'** payment button and the option to set up a direct debit is available. We now offer the monthly direct debit to Fellows who pay the full member rate or are affiliated with the IOP or GSL, or on the early-career rate. Regrettably, we do not offer the monthly direct debit option to those who are on a student or concessionary rate. The monthly direct debit has 10 collections commencing on or around the 28th of each month from January to October annually. There is no extra charge to you for choosing the monthly direct debit option. If you would like to switch from annual to monthly, please cancel your annual direct debit with your bank first. **The deadline date to set up a direct debit is 18 December 2026.**

Membership Fees for 2027

Rate 3: Fellows who completed full-time education **before** 1st January 2022 **£170.00**

Rate 2(a): Early career researcher Fellows: Fellows who ceased to be eligible for rate 1 having completed their full-time education **after** 1st January 2027, and are in the early stages of a career in astronomy, geophysics, or a related subject; **£114.00**

Rate 2(b): Early career researcher Fellows: Fellows who **were** registered full-time students in **2026** but are **not** students in **2027** **£76.00**

Rate 1: Fellows who, on 1 January **2027**, are undergraduate or postgraduate students studying astronomy, geophysics or a related subject, at a rate equivalent to at least 25% of full-time study. Fellows may only apply for this rate for up to 9 years; **£33.00**

Students

If you are a student on 1 January **2027**, then to be eligible for the reduced rate, you will need to provide proof of your student status. Please complete the student declaration on page 4 or provide a recent headed letter/acceptance letter from your institution or a screen grab of your student portal. The proof must confirm the subject you are studying and whether it is at least 25% of full-time study.

Journal Subscriptions

Fellows wishing to purchase personal print copies of the *Journal of the History of Astronomy* for the calendar year 2027 may do so at the rates below. *The Observatory* is, as of 2025, an online-only journal and is available to everyone as a free downloadable PDF from the **www.obsmag.org** website.

	Journal History Astronomy
Fellows on Rate 3	£40.00
Fellows on Rate 2a/b	£32.00
Registered Students	£32.00

Notes:

1. The rates for *non-student* Fellows who are members of the Institute of Physics (IOP) are abated by 25%:
Rate 3: £127.00 Rate 2a: £85.00 Rate 2b: £57.00
2. Fellows on *rate 3* and who are also members of the Geological Society London (GSL) can claim a 25% discount.
3. Fellows aged 65 or over, who are also of at least 15 years standing, may request to pay a concessionary rate of **£33**. Please contact the Membership Officer at **membership@ras.ac.uk**.
4. Fellows who, before 2003, exercised their rights under bye-law 39 are exempt from paying.
5. Fellows may pay their **£15** to the *RSC Astrophysical Chemistry Group* via the RAS. To become a member please visit their website **www.astrochemistry.org.uk**.
6. Fellows are able to join the *European Astronomical Society* free of charge providing you have or are studying for a PhD in astronomy, geophysics, or a related subject. If you wish to join the EAS, please contact the Membership Officer at **membership@ras.ac.uk**.

Data Protection

The Society maintains an electronic database which holds personal data including your name, address, bank details (if you pay by direct debit), details of Society appointments and other personal data. We take the protection of your personal data seriously. We do not sell your data. For more information, please visit our website to read our Privacy Policy – paper copies are available on request.

Online Payers

Log in to the Fellows' website: **www.fellows.ras.ac.uk** and click on 'My Details' -> 'My Memberships' -> click the 'Membership(s)' payment button to pay your membership. If an incorrect amount is listed for you, please contact **membership@ras.ac.uk**.

If your contact details have changed, please let us know by one of the following methods:

1. Log in to the Fellows' website **www.fellows.ras.ac.uk**. Click 'Contact details' (under 'My Details'). Edit your address as needed and click Save.
2. Alternatively, contact **membership@ras.ac.uk**.

Changes to your status (tick as appropriate) :

- ☐ I am a student and have completed the student declaration/provided other proof of student status.
- ☐ I am not a student but completed full-time education **after** 1 January 2022.
Date of completion (dd/mm/yy): _____
- ☐ I confirm that I exercised my right under bye-law 39 **before 1 January 2003** and am exempt from paying fees.
- ☐ I am an Honorary Fellow and am exempt from paying fees.
- ☐ I am entitled to pay the concessionary rate of £33 who have paid a Membership Subscription for the total of 15 years shall be eligible upon application to the Membership Officer in writing under bye-law 39 (**65 before 1 January 2003**)
- ☐ I am a member of the Institute of Physics for **2027**. Membership no. _____
- ☐ I am a member of the Geological Society London for **2027**. Membership no. _____
- ☐ I wish to remain/become a member of the British Geophysical Association in **2027**.
- ☐ I wish to unsubscribe to a journal. Please specify: _____
- ☐ I wish to stop receiving a paper renewal form and receive renewal notification by *email* only.

I understand that *A&G* and the *Journal for the History of Astronomy* are all supplied at special subscription prices for my personal use only. I undertake that I will not allow these to be used as Library copies.

Signed: Dated:

Student Declaration for 1st January 2027 – 31st December 2027

I certify that is an undergraduate student, or postgraduate student studying at a rate equivalent to at least 25% of full-time study,

Studying..... (astronomy/ geophysics or a related subject) in this department, and they wish to apply for the reduced rate for the year 2026.

Signature (Departmental Head or Supervisor)

Name in capitalsPosition.....

Date.....

Official stamp giving name & address of Institution