

## **IFACCA policy for lower fee-paying national members**

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National membership fees are IFACCA's primary source of income, and help cover the costs of maintaining a secretariat and delivering core services such as ACORNS and IFACCA's research projects. Membership payments, regardless of how small, are an essential part of commitment to the aims of the Federation. In order for all members to be confident that the membership fee structure is fair and transparent, it is important that we ensure that members pay the set fees.

National membership fees are set on a sliding scale using the United Nations (UN) scale of assessments, the method used by the UN to set its own membership fees. The scale adopts a formula based on the GDP per capita of each country. IFACCA's own formula multiplies the UN scale (for 2010-2012) by 20,000, then rounds it according to size to arrive at a fee expressed in Australian dollars (AUD). There is a ceiling of \$100,000 and a floor of \$400.

IFACCA's national members fall into two groups:

- 1) 'higher' fee-paying members, whose suggested contribution is \$1,000 or more per annum; and
- 2) 'lower' fee-paying members, whose suggested contribution is less than \$1,000 per annum.

At its September 2010 meeting, the IFACCA board determined that the fees for the 'lower' fee-paying members will be applied from 2011 in three bands:

UN Scale 0.001-0.010	\$1,200 over three years @ \$400 per annum
UN Scale 0.011-0.030	\$1,800 over three years @ \$600 per annum
UN Scale 0.031-0.045	\$2,400 over three years @ \$800 per annum

The aim of IFACCA's policy for lower fee-paying national members is to reduce administrative costs for lower fee-paying members and for IFACCA.

### **Process**

- Every three years, lower fee-paying members will be sent an invoice equivalent to three years' IFACCA membership.
- Once paid, the next membership invoice will be sent six months prior to the end of the three-year cycle.
- Payment within the three-year period will be taken to cover membership for those three years. For example, if an invoice is issued in January 2011 and payment is received in January 2012, the fee will still be taken as payment for 2011 to 2013.
- New members in the lower fee-paying category will be invoiced for three years in advance. For example, if a member wishes to join in 2011 it will be invoiced for 2011, 2012 and 2013. The agency will be considered non-financial until payment is received for all three years in advance.
- If any agency experiences difficulties in remitting its three-year membership fee, the board will consider its request for an alternative arrangement or exemption.