

Joining the Society



Who can join?

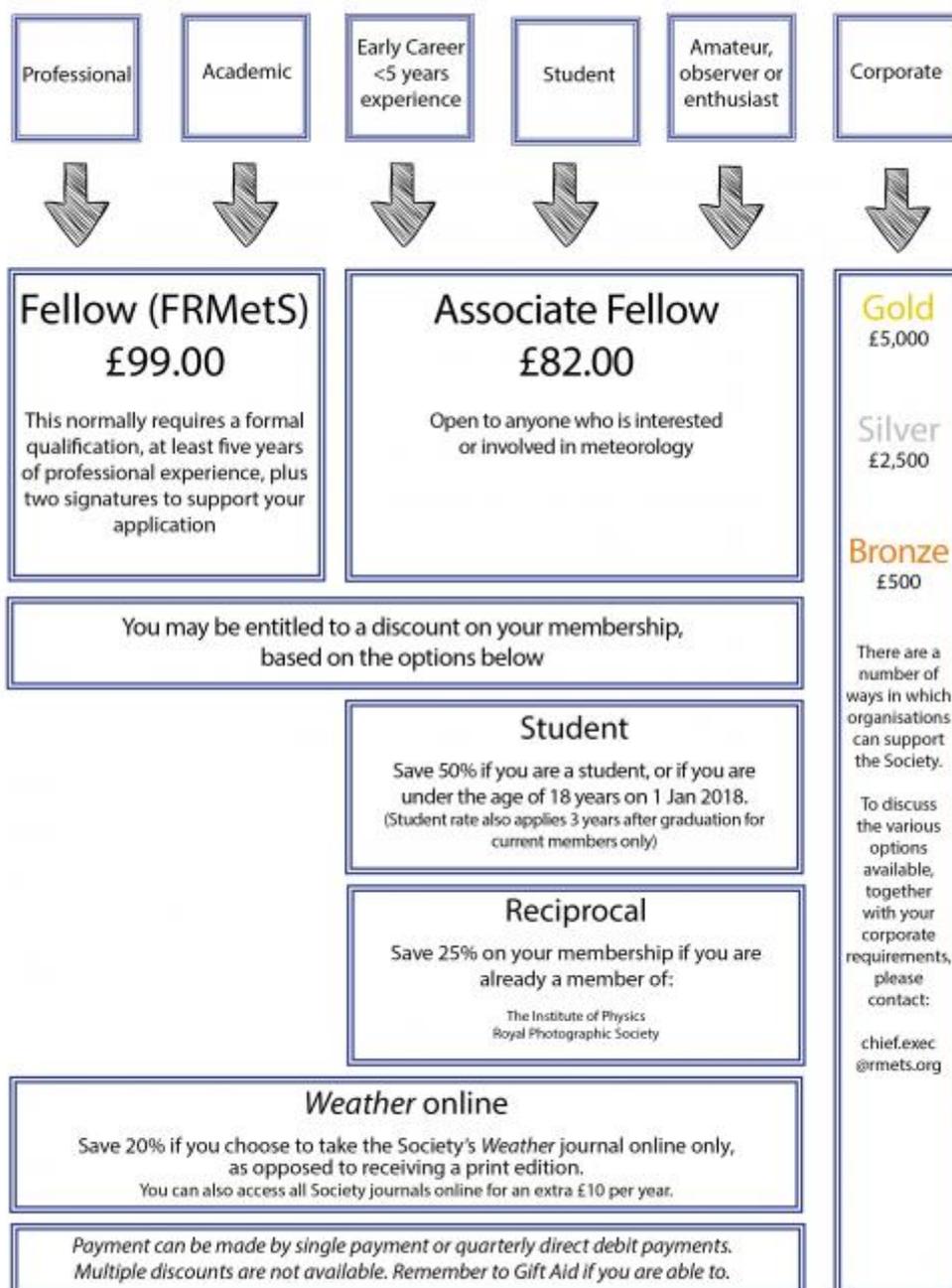
Anyone who is interested or involved in meteorology or associated sciences. Our worldwide membership is made up of professionals and academics, students and teachers, enthusiasts and observers, and there is a category to suit everyone.

How to Join

You can download an application form below, or if you would like to pay by direct debit, [contact us](#) ^[1].

[Join RMetS Online](#) ^[2]

What membership is best for me?



Associate Fellow

No formal qualifications are needed and anyone can join without sponsorship. There is a 50% reduction in annual fees for full time students, and no lower age limit for Associate Fellows. Membership runs from January to December, but you will receive all back issues of *Weather* if you join later in the year.

Fellow

Normally a formal qualification (e.g. a first degree in a science subject and/or postgraduate

degree or an NVQ in meteorology or a closely related discipline) and at least five years of professional experience within or directly related to the profession of meteorology or one closely related to it is required. Exceptionally, long experience and performance at a high professional level, suitably attested by peer review, can replace the requirement for a formal academic or vocational qualification. Completion of a doctorate will normally count as two years professional experience. Completion of an MSc is not counted as professional experience.

If you were elected a Fellow before October 2003, then you are required to apply for the use of FRMetS, which you can do by downloading the application form at the bottom of the page

[List of Fellows who are entitled to use FRMetS](#) ^[3]

Honorary Member

This is a signal honour bestowed by Council at their discretion on distinguished members of the profession and carries the full privileges of Fellowship. Honorary Members are entitled to use the letters HonMemRMetS.

[List of Honorary Members](#) ^[4]

Corporate Member

Corporate Membership of the Society is open to all organisations that desire recognition as active supporters of the Society, establishing them as leaders in the field and offering a marketing opportunity by associating them with an internationally recognised Society.

For further details of Corporate Membership of the Society and the available benefits, contact the [Andy Heap](#) ^[5] at the Society's headquarters.

Gift Aid

By making a Gift Aid declaration you can help the Society with its charitable aims even more at no further cost to you

Thanks to the Gift Aid scheme, the Royal Meteorological Society can reclaim the tax you pay on your membership fees* and/or donations at no extra cost to yourself. For every £1 you give we can claim an extra 25p in Gift Aid, this extra income is a very important part of our funding and really helps us to work harder on your behalf. You do have to be a UK income tax payer to donate in this way, and if you pay the higher rate of income tax you are able to claim tax relief at the higher rate which also benefits you.

Making a Gift Aid declaration is the easiest way to support us, all it takes is filling in a short form. We can reclaim for any donations and membership fees* made in the previous four years. That money can go a long way in supporting our ability to do things like making grants and scholarship awards. **Please make a Gift Aid declaration today.**

If you are unsure of your Gift Aid status or require further information about the Gift Aid scheme please look at the questions below. If you have any further queries please email membership@rmets.org ^[6] or call 0118 956 8500 and ask to speak to our Membership

Secretary.

Resources

- [Application for Fellow or Associate Fellow](#) ^[7] PDF 45.14 KB
- [Transfer from Associate Fellow to Fellow](#) ^[8] PDF 38.25 KB

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[2] <http://www.accsys.rmets.org/membership/join>

[3] <http://www.accsys.rmets.org/about-us/people/fellows-royal-meteorological-society>

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