

Membership fee waivers and reductions policy

Guidance and rates

Non-profit or open access status of a journal does not on its own qualify that journal for COPE membership fee waivers or reductions.

Waivers of COPE membership fees

1. Requests from journals for waivers will be considered from journals based in Research4Life/HINARI countries (<http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/>)
2. Requests from journals for waivers will be considered from journals in low and middle income countries with both zero paid members of staff (ie, run on totally voluntary efforts) and with zero income/funding from any source (including from a publisher).

Reductions of COPE membership fees

1. Requests from journals for reductions will be considered from journals based in low and middle income countries.
2. Requests for reductions will be considered from journals (or groups of journals) with less than one full time equivalent paid member of staff per journal. Journals that qualify for reduced membership fees will be asked to pay 50% of the normal membership fee (ie, at current rates, the reduced rate membership fee for a qualifying journal that publishes less than 12 issues a year would be GBP 75).

Reference
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