

## Membership fee waivers and reductions policy

### Waivers of COPE membership fees

Requests for waivers will be considered from journals that meet one of the following criteria:

1. Journals based in Research4Life/HINARI countries (<http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/>).
2. Journals in low and lower-middle-income countries (as defined by the World Bank <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>) 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

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). Requests for reductions will be considered from journals that meet one of the following criteria:

1. Journals in low and lower-middle-income countries (as defined by the World Bank <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>) with paid staff or a dedicated income source.
2. Journals (or groups of journals) with fewer than one full-time equivalent paid member of staff per journal (ie, run mainly on voluntary efforts) and with zero income/funding from any source (including from a publisher).

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