

MEMBERSHIP FEE REGULATIONS

By decision of figawa’s extraordinary general assembly on October 16th, 2018, and in accordance with § 4 (1) of the figawa statutes, the membership fee of all figawa member companies shall be regulated as follows, starting on January 1st:

1. The annual membership fee is based on the sales according to § 277 (1) HGB¹ generated by each member with products and services in the gas and water sector with domestic and foreign customers in the year before last year in Germany or in the member’s resident country respectively.
2. The figawa management will send out the membership fee calculation form in January of the current year. The completed calculation form must be returned by the members to the figawa office within four weeks of dispatch.

From the day of implementation of these membership fee regulations, sales calculation will take place automatically every four years by sending out the sales calculation form. For new members, a calculation is carried out when they join and subsequently in the previously determined years.

If the calculation form is not returned in due time, the figawa management is entitled to estimate the company’s sales by means of public information and other data known to figawa. The result of these estimated figures has to be sent to the member company together with a proforma membership fee invoice by March 15th.

It’s the company’s opportunity to disagree with these estimated figures by sending out its sales and membership fee according to Article 2 (1) of these regulations within four weeks.

3. For the calculation of the annual fee, the following contribution scale is applied:

Group	Membership fee	
1	minimum: 2,300.00 euros	for sales liable to contribution up to 1 million euros
2	2,300.00 euros ¹⁾ plus	0.25‰ for further sales more than 1 million up to 10 million euros
3	4,550.00 euros ¹⁾ plus	0.15‰ for further sales more than 10 million up to 50 million euros
4	10,550.00 euros ¹⁾ plus	0.10‰ for further sales more than 50 million up to 100 million euros
5	15,550.00 euros ¹⁾ plus	0.05‰ for further sales more than 100 million euros
	The maximum fee is 20,000 euros	

¹⁾ equal to the maximum fee of the preceding group

¹ For companies not resident in Germany, comparable legal requirements or standards must be applied in the country in which the company is resident.

There are exceptions. If it is justified, as it may be, for example, with small engineering companies whose sales are smaller than 1 million euros, the Executive Committee is entitled to reduce by half the minimum membership fee, if requested.

4. We explicitly point out that, according to the figawa statutes, there is still the possibility of deciding that, with some projects, additional fees may be necessary for a specific period of time.

The membership fees are annual fees which are due on January 1st.

If requested, payment may be effected in four equal rates which are due at the beginning of each quarter. We recommend that payment is done by direct debit.

If payments are overdue, interests on the due membership fees shall be payable at a rate of 3 % above the ECB's base rate.