



The Emergency Planning Society

Group Discount Scheme

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Following presentation at the EPS Board of Directors on 16th November 2016, the scheme was passed by the Board of Directors to be run from the next membership year commencing on 1st January 2017

The scheme will commence in line with the forthcoming Membership Year commencing on 1st January 2017 and is open to all 'bone fide' local, National or International Organisations or entity (but not Local Resilience Forums or Strategic Coordination Groups or their equivalent) with a direct or indirect interest in Resilience and wish their employees or members to be part of the ethos of the EPS.

The sole judge on 'bone fide' organisation or entity remains with the Board of Directors of the EPS.

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The Emergency Planning Society (EPS)

Group Discount Scheme for the EPS

Introduction

The Emergency Planning Society (EPS) is a professional body for suitably qualified people who operate in the 'resilience sector'. Membership is open to full or part-time professionals, those in managerial or operational capacity in emergency management, and students in full-time study.

Based at the government's Emergency Planning College at Easingwold near York, the EPS has 1,300 members and is organised into 14 branches, covering the English regions, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, and an international branch for members working overseas.

The EPS has a voice that is heard by both government and key players in the sector, provides valuable resources and excellent networking opportunities as well as Professional Development. It is open to all those in the resilience sector, whether full or part time professionals, those in managerial or operational capacity in emergency management and students in full time study. As a member, an individual would have access to the EPS Website and its wealth of information resources. Regular workshops, site visits, study days and activities organised by branches and EPS Professional Working Groups. Each member receives the EPS quarterly 'Resilience' magazine with all the latest news from the sector, and the opportunity for Members to contribute articles.

Members can access the Continued Professional Development scheme, where Members can log their CPD points to evidence their competency to employers and stakeholders. Full Members have an entitlement to the post-nominal MEPS.

The scheme will be administered and applications made through the online application process on the EPS website. Following submission and dependent on experience detailed on the application of the individual, the applicant, following assessment against the Core Professional Competencies will become either an Associate Member or a Member, with the privileges and benefits it holds. As a Member, the post nominal MEPS can be used. The cost of membership at both levels is £120 annually however, the Group Discount Scheme for those who have the more than 10 EPS members is 30% bringing the cost down to £84 to remain or join and receive the full benefits that membership of the EPS affords. Those with between 5-10 EPS Members will receive a 20% discount bringing the cost down to £96.

The discounted rates for numbers of current or new members per organisations for 2017 are: -

1. 5 -10 EPS Members or Applicants = 20%
2. > 10 EPS Members or Applicants = 30%.

EPS Membership Year

The EPS Membership year runs from 1st January and expires on the 31st December each year

Group Discount Scheme – Qualification

Following presentation at the EPS Board of Directors on 16th November 2016, the scheme was passed by the Board of Directors to be run from the next membership year commencing on 1st January 2017.

An organisation that has current EPS Members more than or have individuals that wish to join in the current year that would place their EPS Membership more than the stated levels, are to be granted the agreed discount levels, providing these numbers are maintained during the membership year they were granted. If maintained or increased above the required threshold during the membership year they will be granted the relevant discount the following year, as set by the Board of Directors of the EPS. If not maintained, the discount level will be adjusted accordingly and if below the minimum discounted level of members then no discount will be applicable the next membership year. This discount is subject to change on a year on year basis and can be withdrawn at any time with no detriment to those benefitting from the discount in the current membership year.

Group Discount Scheme - Process

1. An organisation that wishes their employees to benefit and are current Members of the EPS, and are above the discounted threshold, are still required to claim for their individual discounted level. The EPS Head Office will allocate a discount code on application for one, if their organisation satisfies the above criteria.
2. For those organisation's currently not above any of the discounted threshold's but have employees wishing to join, that would, either increase their membership above the threshold to a higher discounted level, or as a group enter the threshold of a discounted group rate then the following applies: -
 - a. Pre- notified named individuals to be notified to EPS Head Office, who are joining as new members, and therefore increase an organisations threshold enabling them to benefit from this scheme, will be notified of a discount code to be applied to their application in the relevant 'on line' section.
 - b. The organisations current EPS Members will be, pro rata be afforded the relevant discount however, are still required to claim for their individual discounted level on granting of membership of those individuals joining as new members and fulfil the above criteria
3. These discounts are available, if the criteria above are fulfilled and providing membership payments have been made in full by end of March, in the current Membership year, or those that have choose to pay by Direct Debit are not in arrears with any payments. Only when payments are received and up to date will

discounts be applied. In respect of Direct Debits at least one payment must have been received.

As a society, we are keen to work in partnership with other organisations, government departments, devolved administrations, public sector, third sector and the commercial arena who provide support in the wider 'resilience sector'. As a first step, we wish to encourage individual members of your organisation to join the EPS and take advantage of the various benefits, as an individual, they can enjoy while a member.

The benefits of that will bring a mutual benefit to each other, while achieving a greater assistance to resilience nationally.

These packages are aimed at companies or other entities that provide the above and whose employees, disclosed at time of application for membership, will become an Associate Members of the Emergency Planning Society unless they can fulfill the criteria for Full Member status. As an Associate Member, they as individuals, have voting rights and can hold office at Branch level only. All are encouraged to attend Branch and National Events such as the EPS AGM and Conference.

Any individual employee currently holding Associate, Member or Fellow level will be required to continue their subscriptions, as an individual, if they wish to maintain the privileges afforded at their respective levels. There will be no offsetting of Group Discount against individual membership and as an individual they are ultimately responsible for the payment of membership, no matter how or who finally pays for that membership.

Required from organisations to facilitate this Group Discount is a list of interested applicants and current members and can be employed either full time, part time or a peripatetic role. This will ensure that only 'bona fide' applications are made and can take advantage of this outstanding discount. Once received a Discount Code will be supplied for adding to the online application to highlight to EPS Head Office and receive the discount.



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