

IHGS Membership Terms and Conditions 2026

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1. Membership Eligibility

Membership is open to all individuals who are interested in the study of genealogy and heraldry and who support the aims and objectives of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies.

2. Membership Period and Subscription

Membership subscriptions are payable annually. The membership year runs from the date of receipt of payment and is valid for 12 months. Membership is renewable upon payment of the applicable subscription fee.

3. Members' Area Access

Upon joining, members will be granted access to the secure Members' Area of the IHGS website for the duration of their membership.

4. Member Information

The Institute maintains a register of members containing names, contact details, and addresses. This information is held electronically and will be used solely for the administration of the Institute's activities. Member data will not be sold, shared, or disclosed to any third party except as required for the proper operation of the Institute or as permitted by law.

5. Family History Journal

The *Family History Journal* is provided to members twice per year in PDF format uploaded to the members area of the IHGS website. It is supplied for your personal use only, subject to the following conditions:

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6. Membership Fees

Membership subscription rates are reviewed annually and may be adjusted at the discretion of the Institute. Members will be notified of any changes prior to renewal.

7. Data Protection and Privacy

Your personal data is processed and retained by the Institute strictly in accordance with our Privacy Notice, which is available on the Policies and Procedures page of the IHGS website. By joining, you consent to the processing of your data as described in the Privacy Notice.

8. General

- These Terms and Conditions may be updated from time to time. The current version will always be available on the IHGS website.
- Membership may be terminated if these Terms and Conditions are breached or if, in the opinion of the Council, a member's conduct is detrimental to the Institute.
- These Terms are governed by the laws of England and Wales.

By applying for and maintaining membership of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, you agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

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