



## RIMS New Individual Membership Categories FAQs for Chapters

### **What are the new membership categories of RIMS?**

The four new membership categories are solely for risk professionals:

- **Individual Professional Member**  
A person who provides risk management services exclusively for one organization.
- **Individual Young Professional Member**  
A person who provides risk management services exclusively for one organization and who is 25 or under.
- **Individual International Professional Member (Developed)**  
A person who provides risk management services exclusively for one organization and who works primarily outside of North America in a developed country.
- **Individual International Professional Member (Emerging)**  
A person who provides risk management services exclusively for one organization and who works primarily outside of North America in an emerging country.

### **What are the dues for each new membership category?**

- **Individual Professional Member:** \$335
- **Individual Young Professional Member:** \$225
- **Individual International Professional Member (Developed):** \$335
- **Individual International Professional Member (Emerging):** \$100

### **Is RIMS removing current membership categories?**

No. RIMS is maintaining all current membership categories. The addition of individual membership categories will make membership more accessible for risk professionals who fall into the Society's professional member category, but are unable to join under an organizational membership.

### **What is the term of the new membership categories?**

The new membership categories, just like the current member categories (excluding student membership) will have an anniversary-based membership. This means an individual professional membership will expire one year after a professional joins RIMS.

### **Is an individual professional member required to join a chapter?**

Individual professional chapter membership is optional, and is strongly encouraged.



**Can an individual join a RIMS chapter, and then join RIMS?**

No. Just like organizational membership, RIMS membership must be held before obtaining chapter membership.

**Can an individual join a chapter within their membership year?**

Yes. Any individual member can join a chapter at any point within his/her current membership year. However, the chapter membership will expire at the same time as his/her RIMS membership. There are no prorated dues offered.

**If an organizational member wants to become an individual member, will this be allowed?**

Yes, however:

- The organizational member must complete their membership anniversary year before changing to an individual membership. They will not be able to change during the course of their membership year.
- This rule applies to ALL membership types under one organizational membership (Primary, Secondary, and Additional). A secondary or additional member cannot move to an individual membership until the organizational member is ready to renew. At that point, an organizational member can renew without the additional professionals or as all individual members.

**If an individual professional member changes jobs, does he/she still keep his/her RIMS individual professional membership?**

Yes. An individual professional member owns his/her RIMS membership, even when he/she changes jobs.

**If an individual professional member becomes unemployed, does he/she qualify for transitional membership?**

Yes. Transitional membership will be available to ALL Professional or Associate members upon separation from their current place of employment. Transitional membership is renewable once, or for a maximum of two years from the date of separation.