



AHIMA Membership Model FAQs:

1. Why is AHIMA changing the current membership model?

AHIMA is excited to provide a more valuable, enhanced and personalized membership experience. We are offering new and expanded benefits, additional choices, and flexibility to our members, healthcare professionals, and those who hold our credentials. Instead of a one-size-fits-all approach to membership, each member will be empowered to select the AHIMA content, services, and products they most value. This flexibility will not only serve current members well but also help attract new members who focus their work on information governance, CDI, data analytics, and more.

2. What are the major changes to membership types?

We have two brand-new member categories to give our members more options to choose from. The first is New to AHIMA, which allows someone who has never joined before to try AHIMA out at a reduced membership price for two years. The other new category is Premier. This group will be given access to a wider range of benefits. Find more information about cost and benefits in subsequent answers below.

3. What are the new member categories and fees, and how do they compare to the current?

Category	Current			Proposed		
	Membership Fee	Certification Fee	Total	Membership Fee	Certification Fee	Total
Student	\$45	\$0	\$45	\$49	\$0	\$49
New Graduate (2 year limit)	\$100	\$10	\$110	\$79	\$50	\$129
New to AHIMA (2 year limit)	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$79	\$50	\$129
Emeritus	\$60	\$10	\$70	\$49	\$25	\$74
Active (no credential)	\$175	\$0	\$175	\$135	\$0	\$135
Active	\$175	\$10	\$185	\$135	\$50	\$185
Active Premier	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$199	\$50	\$249
Global/oUS	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$109	\$50	\$159

4. Are member benefits changing?

Yes, we are providing some additional benefits. Please reference the chart below.

LEVEL	BENEFITS	VALUE	Intangibles
Active Premier with Credential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to 8 CEUs* • Up to 25% AHIMA product discount • Includes all annual credential fee(s) covered (if applicable) • Premier recognition and access 	Market Value: \$1,500 Cost: \$249 Savings: \$1,251	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking with more than 103,000 HIM professionals • Access to AHIMA Body of Knowledge
Active with Credential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to 4 CEUs* • Up to 20% AHIMA product discount • Includes 1 annual credential maintenance fee 	Market Value: \$1,060 Cost: \$185* Savings: \$875	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Journal of AHIMA</i> • Engage Online Communities
New to AHIMA with Credential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to 4 CEUs* • 20% AHIMA product discount • Includes 1 annual credential maintenance fee 	Market Value: \$1,060 Cost: \$129 (for first 2 years)* Savings: \$931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSA Membership • And more...

*Cost includes a \$50 credential maintenance fee. Those without an AHIMA credential pay \$50 less.

5. What does access to CEUs entail?

You can choose between a certain number of archived recorded sessions and *Journal* quizzes worth a total of either four or eight CEUs. Once you complete the work, you are granted the CEUs.

6. Will there be any changes to how my rectification fees are handled?

Please see the above fee chart, which includes recertification fees. They will still be paid on an annual basis with your membership. Nonmembers' fees will be paid as they are now, on a biennial basis.

7. Is there still an additional fee for the annual Coding Self-assessment required for all those holding the CCA, CCS, or CCS-P credentials?

No, this fee is now included with your recertification fee for members. This is an important new member benefit since members currently pay a \$25 annual fee to take the self-assessment.

8. Will I be charged for having multiple credentials?

This depends on which member type you choose. As a Premier member, all your credential maintenance fees are covered by your annual membership dues. With all other member types, one credential maintenance charge is already covered in your annual dues payment, while a \$10 fee is added to your annual payment for each additional credential held.

Number of Credentials	Active Member	Active Premier
1	\$185	\$249
2	\$195	\$249
3	\$205	\$249
4	\$215	\$249
5	\$225	\$249

9. When will it launch?

It is scheduled to launch prior to year end 2016.

10. When do you plan to start communicating the changes to AHIMA customers?

Direct member communication is scheduled to begin between six and eight weeks prior to launch.

11. Will this new model affect my membership renewal date?

This does not affect your membership renewal date. No action is needed until it is time to renew your membership.

12. I have more in-depth questions. What AHIMA staff member can assist me?

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