

Contribution rules



valid from 01.01.2019, according to the resolution of 21.03.2018

§ 1

The membership fees are graded in nine contribution levels:

- Level 1:** up to € 5 million sales / year: € 7,500
- Level 2:** up to € 10 million sales / year: € 15,000
- Level 3:** up to € 100 million sales / year: € 27,500
- Level 4:** up to € 250 million sales / year: € 35,000
- Level 5:** up to € 500 million sales / year: € 42,500
- Level 6:** up to € 1 billion sales / year: € 50,000
- Level 7:** up to € 3 billion sales / year: € 57,500
- Level 8:** up to € 5 billion sales / year: € 65,000
- Level 9:** over € 5 billion sales / year: € 70,000

The contribution of ordinary members is calculated according to these contribution levels. Associate members pay half of the contribution they would have to pay as a full member.

§ 2

(1) After the entry into force of the amendment to the Fees Regulations on 1.1.2019, the membership fees will be increased by a maximum of one contribution level per year. An increase will be waived if affiliate contributions collectively exceed the highest contribution level.

(2) The sum of the contributions for companies that become affiliated companies through acquisition is to be covered by the acquiring company for the following year. The same applies to a company resulting from a merger.

(3) Insofar as a full member is affiliated with indirect or direct subsidiaries operating in other business areas, these companies may jointly choose a group membership. In the case of group membership, the annual contribution of the parent company increases by 10% according to § 1. It is based on the total turnover of the affiliated companies generated in the German telecommunications market; Affiliated companies without parent company are based on the turnover of the largest affiliated company. The contribution of each subsidiary is reduced by 50% of the annual contribution according to § 1. § 3 applies accordingly.

(4) The group membership can be chosen until the end of the 3rd quarter for the following year of membership. In the year following a takeover, the group membership is not applied to the acquired company, the following year to 25% instead of 50%.

§ 3

A change between the contribution levels occurs at the beginning of a new calendar year, if the turnover of the company has changed accordingly in the past calendar year.

§ 4

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The membership fee has to be paid in advance for the entire calendar year. This also applies to the years of accession and withdrawal. Joining in the second half of the calendar year is possible at the half rate of the corresponding level. This does not apply to an associated membership of contribution level 1. The contributions are due on January 1 of each calendar year or at the time of the entry of a new member. Upon termination of membership and termination of membership rights, no pro-rata repayment of the annual membership fee will be made.

§ 5

The contribution regulations come into force on 01.01.2019.