

VATM-Contribution Rules

valid from 01.01.2023, according to resolution of 18.10.2022

§ 1

The contribution fees for ordinary members are divided into 10 separate fee levels. Contribution fee level 3 has been specifically added to accommodate new members and upgrades. Associate members shall pay half the fee they ought to pay as full members. The membership fees are applicable for the respective calendar year. For large law firms with numerous offices, including international offices, associate membership of contribution fee level 2 or higher shall apply regardless of their turnover.

Level 1:	up to € 5 million turnover/year:	€ 8,000
Level 2:	up to € 10 million turnover/year:	€ 16,000
Level 3:	up to € 50 million turnover/year:	€ 24,000
Level 4:	up to € 100 million turnover/year:	€ 30,000
Level 5:	up to € 250 million turnover/year:	€ 40,000
Level 6:	up to € 500 million turnover/year:	€ 50,000
Level 7:	up to € 1 billion turnover/year:	€ 58,000
Level 8:	up to € 3 billion turnover/year:	€ 66,000
Level 9:	up to € 5 billion turnover/year:	€ 75,000
Level 10:	over € 5 billion turnover/year:	€ 85,000

For companies with a turnover of up to 100 million EUR (Level 4), where such company makes an annual investment of at least 10 million EUR, half of the sum of this investment shall be added to the generated turnover when calculating the contribution fee level until level 4 is reached.

§ 2

(1) Membership fees shall be increased by a maximum of one fee level per year. An increase shall be waived if affiliate fee contributions collectively exceed the highest fee level.

(2) The sum of the contributions for companies which become affiliated companies because of an acquisition shall be borne by the acquiring company for the following year. The same applies to a company resulting from a merger.

(3) Insofar as an ordinary member is affiliated with indirect or direct subsidiaries operating in other business fields, these companies may jointly choose group membership. In the case of a group membership. In case of group membership, the annual contribution fee of the parent company shall be increased by 10 % in accordance with § 1. It is based on the total turnover of the affiliated companies generated in the German telecommunications market; In case of affiliated companies without a parent company, it is based on the turnover of the largest affiliated company. The contribution fee of each subsidiary shall be reduced by 50% of the annual contribution in accordance with § 1.

§ 3 applies accordingly.

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(4) Group membership may be chosen until the end of the 3rd quarter for the following year of membership. In the year following an acquisition, the group membership shall not apply to the company subject of acquisition. In the following year the membership fee reduction shall be 25% instead of 50%.

§ 3

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

§ 4

The contribution fee shall be paid in advance for the entire calendar year. This applies to the years of accession and withdrawer accordingly. Joining in the second half of the calendar year is possible at half rate of the corresponding contribution fee level. This shall not apply to associate membership of contribution fee level 1. All members may receive a discount of 25% for the first year of membership. Fees are due on 1 January 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 is due to be made.

§ 5

The Contribution Fee Rules shall enter into force on 1 January 2023.