

Membership Terms

Effective date:

These Membership Terms govern membership in the Energy Society of India (ESOI) ("the Society"). By applying for or renewing membership, you agree to these Terms, the Privacy Policy, and any programme-specific guidelines issued by ESOI.

1. Purpose of Membership

Membership enables participation in ESOI's knowledge and collaboration ecosystem, including convenings, publications, training access, and working groups, subject to the membership category and availability. Membership does not create any agency, partnership, employment, or fiduciary relationship with ESOI.

2. Eligibility and Categories

ESOI offers membership categories for individuals and institutions, including (indicatively): Students, Scientists/Academics, Industry Professionals, Institutions, Corporations, and Government/Public Bodies. Eligibility may require verification of identity, affiliation, or status. ESOI may accept or decline applications at its discretion to protect institutional integrity and neutrality.

3. Application and Onboarding

Applicants must provide accurate information and keep their profile current. ESOI may request supporting documents (e.g., student ID, institutional letter, corporate profile). Where applicable, institutional and corporate memberships may include named-seat access. Confirmation of membership is issued only after verification and receipt of dues (where applicable).

4. Fees, Payments, and Invoicing

Membership dues are published as indicative bands and are valid for Indian entities and individuals only, foreign entities and individuals need to request for our overseas rates and finalised at the time of onboarding. Fees may differ by category, geography, or seat count. Payments are due upon approval and are typically annual. Taxes, if applicable, are additional. ESOI may revise dues for future periods with prior notice.

5. Term, Renewal, and Lapse

Membership terms are generally annual, beginning on the date of activation. Renewals are due prior to expiry to avoid lapse of benefits. ESOI may offer grace periods or pro-rated renewals at its discretion. Lapsed members may reapply.

6. Refunds and Cancellations

Membership dues are generally non-refundable once activated, except where required by law or in exceptional cases approved by ESOI. If a membership is declined after payment, ESOI will refund the dues (minus processing charges, if any).

7. Member Code of Conduct

Members are expected to uphold a professional, respectful, and evidence-led culture. This includes:

- Treating all participants with dignity and avoiding harassment or discrimination.
- Engaging in good faith and avoiding misinformation.
- Respecting meeting rules, moderator instructions, and participation criteria.
- Avoiding disruptive conduct, intimidation, or personal attacks.
- Complying with applicable laws and ethical standards.

ESOI may restrict access to events, working groups, or platforms for conduct breaches.

8. Neutrality and Non-Endorsement

ESOI is a neutral convening body. Membership does not imply endorsement of a member's products, services, views, or positions. Members must not represent themselves as "approved," "certified," or "endorsed" by ESOI. ESOI may acknowledge members in a directory or event materials (opt-in), but such listing is not an endorsement.

9. Conflicts of Interest and Transparency

Members participating in advisory roles, working groups, panels, or publications must disclose relevant conflicts of interest when requested (e.g., financial interests, competing roles, paid advocacy). ESOI may manage conflicts through recusal, disclosure statements, or role limitations.

10. Confidentiality and Attribution

Some ESOI sessions may be public; others may be closed-door. For closed sessions, ESOI may apply a confidentiality framework such as:

- **On the record:** speakers may be quoted with attribution.
- **On background:** content may be used without naming individuals.
- **Chatham House rule:** information may be shared, but not attributed.

Session rules will be stated in advance. Members must comply with the stated confidentiality and attribution requirements.

11. Intellectual Property and Contributions

Members retain ownership of their pre-existing intellectual property. Participation in ESOI working groups or consultations may involve sharing documents or comments; unless otherwise agreed, ESOI may use such inputs in aggregate or paraphrased form for outputs such as briefs, recommendations, and summaries, with attribution where appropriate. Any special IP arrangements (e.g., joint publications, shared datasets) must be documented separately.

12. Use of ESOI Name and Brand

Members may reference membership factually (e.g., “Member, ESOI”) but may not use ESOI’s name, logo, or branding for promotional or commercial purposes without written permission. ESOI may revoke permission where brand use creates confusion or implies endorsement.

13. Communications

Members may receive updates about ESOI programmes, events, publications, and governance notices. Members can opt out of non-essential communications while retaining transactional messages required for membership administration.

14. Suspension and Termination

ESOI may suspend or terminate membership for:

- Material misrepresentation in the application.
- Serious or repeated Code of Conduct breaches.
- Misuse of ESOI’s name/logo or implied endorsement.
- Unlawful activity related to ESOI participation.

On termination, access to member benefits ceases immediately. Dues are not refundable except where required by law.

15. Changes to Terms

ESOI may update these Terms to reflect operational, legal, or policy changes. Updates will be posted on the website and apply prospectively from the effective date stated.

16. Contact

For membership questions, renewals, corrections, or concerns:

Email: info@energysocietyindia.com