



# BELLRINGING

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers  
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## Transfer of Affiliation Status

A society may apply for transfer from one category of CCCBR affiliation to another.

At present there are three categories of affiliation:

- **Affiliated Societies.** Societies with a membership of at least 75. The current affiliation fee is £1.00 per society member. The number of representatives to the Council is dependent on the society's membership.
- **Associated Societies.** Open to societies that do not collect a membership subscription, and have a membership greater than 75. The affiliation fee is £0.40 per society member. Associated societies are entitled to one representative to the Council.
- **Registered Small Society.** Open to societies that have a membership less than 75. The affiliation fee is £10.00 per society. Registered Small Societies are entitled to one representative to the Council.

Following decisions made at the Annual Council Meeting in September 2025, all societies applying for affiliation or transfer of category must show:

- a) it has a written constitution and duly appointed officers;
- b) it has safeguarding arrangements (dealing with the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults) that reflect local best practice for the jurisdiction(s) where that society operates;
- c) it has supplied details to the Secretary of its objects, membership and activities together with contact details for at least two of its officers;
- d) its actions will not unreasonably frustrate the activities of any other Registered Society; and
- e) it satisfies such other conditions as may be stated in the Council's Standing Orders and Policies.

Societies wishing to apply for new affiliation to the Council should contact the secretary of the Council at [secretary@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cccbr.org.uk)

Societies wishing to transfer affiliation from one category to another should apply via the form on the Council's website at:

<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/affiliated-societies/forms/>

Any questions about transfer of affiliation should also be directed to the Council secretary.

An extract from the Standing Orders (Issue 18) detailing the process for transfer is shown below:

**S2 Transferring a Society's affiliation**

- S2.1** An Affiliated Society that no longer fulfils the membership numbers, as mentioned in Rule 3.4(a), may become a Registered Small Society by writing to the Secretary at least one month before subscriptions are due, informing them that they wish to transfer due to their membership numbers levels dropping.
- S2.2** An Associated Society that no longer fulfils the membership numbers, as mentioned in Rule 3.6(a), may become a Registered Small Society by writing to the Secretary at least one month before subscriptions are due, informing them that they wish to transfer due to their membership numbers levels dropping.
- S2.3** A Registered Small Society that no longer fulfils the membership numbers, as mentioned in Rule 3.10(a), may become an Affiliated Society or an Associated Society by writing to the Secretary at least one month before subscriptions are due, informing them that they wish to transfer due to their membership numbers increasing. If they wish to become an Associated Society they must state that they agree with the subscription levels as mentioned in Rule 3.14. If a subscription fee is not agreed within one calendar month then the transfer will not be approved.
- S2.4** An Affiliated Society may become an Associated Society by writing to the Secretary at least one month before subscriptions are due, informing them that they wish to transfer. They must state that they agree with the subscription levels as mentioned in Rule 3.14. If a subscription fee is not agreed within one calendar month then the transfer will not be approved.
- S2.5** If a Society requests a transfer of its application then the Society will send updated documentation as defined in Standing Order S3.1.
- S2.6** The Executive can approve a transfer of a Society's affiliation at an Executive Meeting. The Secretary will write to the Society within a week to inform them if their transfer application was successful or not.
- S2.7** If an application, as made in Standing Order S2.6, is unsuccessful then the Society may appeal against the decision. If this appeal is again rejected by the Executive, then the Society can raise the matter at a Council Meeting. If the Council Meeting approves the appeal then their transfer is approved, effective of the date of the Council Meeting. If the Council Meeting rejects the appeal, then the matter is closed.
- S2.8** If a Society successfully changes its affiliation during a year then any subscriptions due for that year cannot be refunded, and their new affiliation will take effect 1 January of the following year when subscriptions are due.

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