



Business Member Support Overview

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1. Key insights topics

As ICAEW's Business Confidence Monitor reveals growing challenges in meeting regulatory requirements, members also share their concerns over accessing skills, retention and recruitment in [the latest ICAEW Member Insights](#).

Economy

- **UK Business Confidence Monitor Q2 2023:** Confidence has improved slightly compared to Q1 with significant variation in confidence across sectors. However, confidence weakened during the quarter due to concerns around continued economic challenges notably high inflation and rising interest rates.
- **Inflation:** The impact of inflation on people, businesses, accountancy and the wider economy, including [how does high inflation impact savings and pensions](#)



Energy

- Our [energy crisis hub](#) contains articles including [The checklist: five tips for easier climate reporting](#) and [climate disaster risk is systemic financial risk](#)

Sustainability

- Recent articles include the [ESG for SMEs: how to adapt your finance function](#) and [smarter strategy needed to cut business energy use](#)

Technology

- Keeping you up-to-date with tech issues and developments. Read the latest [cyber round up](#) and find out [how to get started with generative AI](#)

ICAEW Insights podcast: [Commercial property: economic bellwether or laggard](#) analyses the UK's current economic turbulence through the lens of the commercial property sector.

ICAEW Insights special: [Professional development and skills](#) – Ahead of the changes to ICAEW's requirements on CPD, we bring together the support on the regulatory changes and how they apply to you, as well as looking at the skills accountants need for the future.

All the above are published on ICAEW's Insights Hub, www.icaew.com/insights. Receive concise updates on these issues and many more in ICAEW's **Daily, Weekly** and **Monthly** emails. Keep your [preferences updated here](#).

2. Events, webinars and roundtables

Past events

A history tour of Chartered Accountants' Hall - 5 June 2023

Our tour attracted a diverse group of members who enjoyed learning about the history of CAH and networking with their peers.

Senior Leaders' Business Dinner – 28 June 2023

Eve Tomlinson delivered a short speech on the secret power of communication styles at our first Senior Leaders' Business Dinner this year. There was a lot of interest and a long waiting list - we have invited Eve to speak again at September's Business Dinner.

Upcoming Conference

Annual Conference 2023: Technology – 2 November 2023

Immerse yourself in this dynamic conference to access the latest in technological advancements and AI innovations that will empower you to shape the future.

Webinars

All webinars can be found at [ICAEW's events page](#).

Date	Title
Various	ICAEW UK Regions: Cyber Resilience Centre updates
20/09/23	Creating a strategic plan for digitalisation
26/09/23	Portfolio and fractional CFO/FD roles: your portfolio, your way
04/10/23	Cyber: A risky business for manufacturing
19/10/23	Demystifying the digital pound and CBDCs – an introduction

Local events and support

As well as webinars, ICAEW's regional team hosts [business member forums](#), at which you can network with your peers and feedback into ICAEW's discussions with policy makers. More about [regional activity here](#).

3. Consultations

Members' insights and suggestions are used to shape policy, support and inform government and other key external stakeholders. To contribute to these conversations, [get in touch with us or attend your local business member network](#).

- Small Business Regulation: The Business Team is supporting this project and arranged a roundtable with members and the Small Business Commission, Liz Barclay, on 10 July 2023. They discussed payment and regulation challenges for small businesses.
Read the article - [The late payments problem: a growth killer for SMEs](#)
- Supporting R&I on [SME Finance: Call for Evidence](#)
- DBT Call for Evidence on UK non-financial reporting requirements. Comments on the [smarter regulation on-financial reporting call for evidence](#) are due by 16 August

4. Good to know - ongoing support from ICAEW

Technical support

- **ICAEW's helpsheets** - concise practical guidance on emerging and longstanding issues.
- **Support members scheme** - free, confidential advice from your peers.
- **Member enquiries** and **ICAEW helplines** - open to any enquiry by email, webchat and phone.
- **Business Advisory Service (BAS)** - provides a free consultation to businesses seeking trusted business advice.

Career support

- **ICAEW jobs** - search for your next role or recruit talent for your finance team.
- **Coaching and mentoring programmes** – enhance your career in finance.

Mental health and wellbeing

- ICAEW works with CABA to promote the mental health of chartered accountants and their families, producing articles, guides, webinars, videos and events - [view our resources](#).