

# Role profile

Board or Committee name	<b>Ethics Standards Committee</b>
Purpose of the Board or Committee	<p>The Ethics Standards Committee (“ESC”) acts in support of ICAEW’s Trust and Ethics department and provides guidance, advice and consultative support in connection with the department’s work.</p> <p>The ESC is responsible for ensuring that ICAEW’s Code of Ethics is updated periodically in alignment with the Code of Ethics produced by the International Standards Board for Ethics (“IESBA”), and determining whether any additional ethical guidance for ICAEW members is required.</p>
Role name	Chair
Eligibility	We welcome applications from ICAEW members and non-members.
Purpose of the role	<p>The ESC Chair will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Committee Secretary to ensure that the work of the ESC is undertaken smoothly and effectively, and in accordance with ICAEW’s strategy.</li> </ul> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- formulating the Committee’s work plan and monitoring progress against it,</li> <li>-identifying dates for committee meetings,</li> <li>-approving the agenda for each meeting, and</li> <li>-finalising the minutes for each meeting.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair meetings of the ESC in accordance with best corporate governance practice, including by managing potential conflicts of interest appropriately and facilitating inclusive and open discussion from all members.</li> <li>• Monitor the outcome of committee decisions and follow up action points;</li> <li>• Represent the ESC when required and participate in meetings of ICAEW’s Technical Strategy Board.</li> </ul>

What you might gain from the role	<p>The opportunity to lead discussions and work on important ethical issues facing the profession, and to inform the future work of ICAEW's Trust and Ethics department.</p> <p>Enhanced understanding of ethical matters affecting the Chartered Accountancy profession, benefitting both the member and their organisation.</p>
Attributes sought	<p>Applications are sought from ICAEW members who can demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous experience of chairing committees.</li> <li>• An interest in the ethics of the accountancy profession, and a desire to work towards increasing trust in Chartered Accountancy.</li> <li>• An interest in/experience of: sustainability; promoting an ethics-based culture within organisations; and use of Artificial Intelligence, which are now all standing items on the Committee's agenda.</li> <li>• Knowledge of/familiarity with, the ICAEW Code of Ethics or the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.</li> </ul>
Time commitment: no of meetings per annum and length of meeting	<p>The ESC holds four Committee meetings each year (once every quarter).</p> <p>Two of the four meetings are held virtually, with two being in-person or hybrid.</p> <p>Each meeting is of three hours duration.</p> <p>Preparation time in advance of each meeting is required to approve the Agenda and draft Summary and Action Points from previous meetings; and to read the papers.</p> <p>In addition to the scheduled quarterly meetings, the Chair may be required to convene extraordinary virtual meetings to consider urgent issues.</p> <p>The Chair may also be required to provide their views on urgent matters by email.</p> <p>The ESC Chair will also be required to attend meetings of ICAEW's Technical Strategy Board. (TSB).</p> <p>The TSB also meets four times a year. Each meeting is hybrid and is of three hours duration. Preparation in advance of the TSB meetings is required.</p> <p>In addition, there may be the opportunity to attend additional round-table discussions and virtual meetings on topical events.</p> <p>In between meetings, the Chair will be expected to be available for email correspondence/quick calls with the Committee Secretary to facilitate administrative matters.</p>

	<p>Potential applicants should kindly check that they have the permission and support of their organisation to apply for the role, before submitting an application.</p>
Meeting location:	<p>Virtual or Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate. All meetings can be joined remotely though members are encouraged to attend at least one meeting a year in person where practicable.</p> <p>Adjustments can be made to ensure everyone can participate equitably in the meetings and in the recruitment process. For example, we provide step-free access for in-person attendees and activate automatic closed captions for online meetings.</p>
Term of office	<p>Three years, from June 2026 to June 2029.</p> <p>This appointment commences on the date of the ICAEW Annual Meeting in June 2026.</p>
Remuneration	<p>This role is <b>unpaid</b>.</p> <p>ICAEW will reimburse reasonable expenses actually incurred in attending the meeting, in accordance with ICAEW's published expenses policy.</p>
Key dates	<p>Application window: 12 January 2026 to 6 February 2026.</p> <p>All applications must be submitted via the application portal by <b>6 February 2026</b>.</p> <p>Shortlisting and interviews will take place between February and mid-March 2026.</p> <p>Any appointments will be confirmed by 22 May 2026.</p> <p>Unsuccessful candidates will be informed as soon as practicable.</p>
Contact details for application	<p><a href="mailto:David.Gomez@icaew.com">David.Gomez@icaew.com</a></p> <p>If you require any adjustments during the application process, please contact us in the first instance. For example, you may ask for information in alternative formats or have interviews at times of day.</p> <p>This is not an exhaustive list, please let us know what we can reasonably do to best accommodate your needs.</p>

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