

Business Member Support Overview

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1. Key insights topics



ICAEW Business Confidence Monitor – Q2 2026

The latest national Business Confidence Monitor (BCM) shows that the Iran War significantly dented confidence as it dropped to a near four-year low and suffered its sixth successive negative quarterly score. Companies reported rising costs pressures, weaker expected sales and profits growth for the coming year, while late payment concerns hit a five-year high.

[View our full national report, plus regional and sectoral reports](#)

Small business

- [Government sets out next steps for Small Business Plan](#)

Technology

- Keeping you up to date with tech issues and developments including [Cyber roundup: the risk of falling behind](#), [Four AI agent use cases for finance teams](#) and [Eight steps to build a cyber resilient finance function](#)

ICAEW Podcast episodes

[Is there really a growing AI bubble?](#) The question of whether an 'AI bubble' is going to burst doesn't seem to be going away. There's a compelling case to be made on both sides of the argument, with the growing demand for AI tools, and the huge amount of money and resources needed to deliver on that demand.

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

2. Events, webinars and roundtables

Past events

Business Leaders' Dinner – 22 June 2026

Our keynote, Kerri Hollick, spoke about 'the Power of Silence' which led to plenty of interesting discussions over dinner.



Upcoming events

Business Leaders' Dinner – 29 September 2026

Dave Gillespie will explore understanding, empathy and compassion in leadership: why they matter, how they transform communication, and how they unlock the best in people.

Transformation Live – 23 November 2026

[Transformation Live](#) builds on the success of our recent webinar transformation series, bringing members together for an in-person evening focused on developing and delivering successful transformation programmes.

Webinars

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

Date	Title
09/09/26	The high performance paradox: self-care as the foundation of high performance
16/09/26	AI unboxed: practical intelligence in modern manufacturing
05/10/26	Improving financial performance using AI to optimise procurement and supply chains
08/10/26	Excel Lunch and Learn series: Fundamentals of 3-way Financial Modelling
20/10/26	What's new in business tech & AI in the year
Various	ICAEW UK Regions: Economic updates
Various	ICAEW UK Regions: In conversation with the Bank of England

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 policymakers. 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](#).

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](#).