



Business Member Support Overview

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1. Key insights topics

The impact of US tariffs has further compounded an already challenging business environment, plagued with uncertainty and regulatory upheaval. Read our latest [ICAEW Member Insights](#).



ICAEW Business Confidence Monitor – Q1 2025

The latest ICAEW Business Confidence Monitor (BCM) shows that business confidence continued to fall and turned negative for the first time since late 2022, reflecting forthcoming tax rises, rising inflation, weak UK growth, and increased global uncertainty.

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

Economy

- The latest economic issues and trends including [Planning for uncertainty: five tips for accountants](#) and [Why Trump is wrong to construe VAT as a tariff](#).
- Small business resources including [How to survive scaling up](#), [How to raise finance to scale your business](#) and [The importance of people and culture when scaling up](#).
- Charts of the week: [One trillion pounds \(almost\)](#) and [Regional incomes](#).

Sustainability

- Recent articles include [Green budgeting: driving sustainable growth through smart planning](#) and [Government sets out new tax to address carbon leakage](#).

Technology

- Keeping you up to date with tech issues and developments including [Accountants embrace AI but need new skills and leadership](#) and [Government issues new cyber governance code](#).

ICAEW Podcast episodes

[What Britain needs to grow](#) discusses the necessary ingredients to support economic growth.

[Adapting post-tariffs, MTD at 10, UK GAAP changes](#) explores how the Trump administration's tariffs will hamper the government's growth plans, the progress made towards Making Tax Digital

on its tenth birthday, and how changes to FRS 102 and 105 will affect the nation's small businesses.

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 – 18 March 2025

Our keynote speaker, Joanna Gaudoin, shared her insights on office politics, which led to plenty of interesting discussion over dinner.

This event was sponsored by FloQast.



Upcoming events

Sustainability for Business – 20 May 2025

This in-person event is tailored for business professionals, where we'll explore the intersection of sustainability and technology. Throughout the morning, gain insights into the latest market trends and emerging tech solutions designed to support your sustainability-related business needs. Engage with industry experts and connect with peers to tackle challenges and uncover practical strategies together.

Business Leaders' Dinner – 19 June 2025

Poker Face: The Real Competition Isn't Each Other

In business, our strength lies in collaboration and trust. Our keynote speaker, Kerri Hollick, will highlight how fostering psychological safety, where open communication thrives, is paramount to building successful teams and organisations. She'll explore shifting from a 'poker face' culture to one that values transparency, ultimately driving growth and innovation in our industry. Event sponsored by MHA.

Scale-Up Live – 1 July 2025

Following on from our successful ICAEW Scale-Up webinar series, Scale-Up Live will explore how to take your business to the next stage of growth, and will include insightful and practical discussions with industry experts, as well as the opportunity to network and build valuable relationships with fellow peers.

Webinars

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

Date	Title
13/05/25	Factors, forecasts and the future - what determines the price of energy?
28/05/25	AI and cybersecurity in travel, tourism & hospitality
12/06/25	The 1.5 million homes conundrum: will the numbers add up
13/06/25	Navigating portfolio careers
16/06/25	Financial modelling tips and tricks live: your questions answered
Various	ICAEW UK Regions: Economic updates
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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](#).

Note: [April's member insights](#) includes insight gathered from members on US tariffs and the Employment Rights Bill.

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](#).