

Business Member Support Overview

UPDATES FOR OCTOBER 2025

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1. Key insights topics

Business confidence hit a three-year low in Q3 2025, as higher employment costs and fears over further tax rises caused businesses to hold back and prepare for the worst. Members expressed views in line with the latest Business Confidence Monitor results, though there were some small positive signs in specific sectors. Read our latest [ICAEW Member Insights](#).



ICAEW Business Confidence Monitor – Q3 2025

The latest national Business Confidence Monitor (BCM) shows that business sentiment deteriorated further into negative territory in Q3 2025. This increased pessimism is underpinned by elevated concern over the tax burden as well as above-average inflation, and weak domestic and exports sales growth eroding businesses' profit margins.

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

Economy

- The latest economic issues and trends including our recent [Economic update: why the Budget is casting a long shadow over the UK economy](#)
- Chart of the week: [Households in England](#)

Sustainability

- Recent article includes [What the booming net zero sector means for accountants](#)

Technology

- Keeping you up to date with tech issues and developments including [Excel at 40: six efficiency hacks for accountants](#), [How do you become cyber certified?](#) and [Cyber resilience strategy: how to create and stress test a plan](#)

ICAEW Podcast episodes

[Kemi Badenoch on growth and the profession](#): In this special episode of Accountancy Insights, we bring you a timely interview of Kemi Badenoch by ICAEW's Chief Executive Alan Vallance who sat down with her after a speech she gave at Chartered Accountants' Hall.

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 – 6 October 2025

Our keynote speaker, Sarah Reynolds, explored Resilient leadership: A human skill for a complex world, which led to plenty of interesting discussion over dinner.

This event was sponsored by Diligent.



Business Leaders' Dinner – 4 November 2025

Our keynote speech was delivered by Dave Gillespie, a renowned coach and speaker, who explored the theme of "REAL – relevant, engaging, authentic, lasting", focusing on how the use of story and an understanding of perceptual status can take communication to a new level.



Upcoming events

Board Summit – 24 November 2025

An opportunity to have confidential, thought-provoking discussions with leaders from other large organisations about how boards are achieving long-term sustainable growth, especially in light of rapid technological and geopolitical change. A summary of interviews with CFOs and board members on key topics will be presented, followed by networking. ICAEW and Board Intelligence's invitation-only event is open to C-Suite and board-level members in large organisations.

Inspiring Future Leaders' celebratory dinner – 1 December 2025

Celebratory dinner with our senior leaders and future leaders who have been part of our Inspiring Future Leaders' programme.

Business Leaders' Drinks – 8 December 2025

A networking drinks evening for our volunteers as well as our previous Business Leaders' attendees.

Webinars

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

Date	Title
06/11/25	Delivering a technology transformation to maximise areas such as AI transformation
11/11/25	From bottlenecks to breakthroughs: rethinking the month-end close with Floqast
18/11/25	Strategies for international growth with Alpha Group
20/11/25	Go export! Gain insights from business leaders on exporting and trading internationally
26/11/25	Stepping up: making the move from CFO to CEO
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](#).

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](#).