

Overview of the recently updated thresholds 2026

Companies Act size changes

	Micro		Small		Medium	
	Current	New	Current	New	Current	New
Turnover	<=£632k	<=£10m	<=£10.2m	<=£15m	<=£36m	<=£54m
Gross assets	<=£316k	<=£500k	<=£5.1m	<=£7.5m	<=£18m	<=£27m
Average employee numbers	<=10	<=10	<=50	<=50	<=250	<=250

Source: The Companies (Accounts and Reports) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024

Department for Culture, Media and Sport threshold changes

Title	Current threshold	Post-consultation outcome
Registration for Charities	£5,000	Retain at £5,000
Registration for Excepted Charities	£100,000	Retain at £100,000
Statement in Official Publications	£10,000	Retain at £10,000
Annual Returns	£10,000	Retain at £10,000
Annual Reports	£25,000	Retain at £25,000
Independent Examination requirements	£25,000	Raise to £40,000
Qualification requirements for Independent Examiners	£250,000	Raise to £500,000
Account and statement option for lower-income charities	£250,000	Raise to £500,000
Audit of accounts of larger charities - income	£1,000,000	Raise to £1,500,000
Audit of accounts of larger charities - assets	£3,260,000	Raise to £5,000,000
Aggregate income for group accounts	£1,000,000	Raise to £1,500,000
Audit requirement for group accounts	£1,000,000	Raise to £1,500,000

Source: Consultation on financial thresholds in charity law: government response - GOV.UK

SORP 2026 tiers

Tiers	Criteria
Tier 1	All charities applying accruals accounting and with a gross income of not more than £500,000 (€500,000 – for charities in Republic of Ireland applying this SORP).
Tier 2	All charities with a gross income falling above the tier 1 threshold and with a gross income of not more than £15 million (€15m).
Tier 3	All charities with a gross income falling above the tier 2 threshold on spent there.

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