

Category 1:

Post-secondary institution libraries, including universities, colleges, technical institutes, research and special libraries, with library and resource centre budgets greater than or equal to \$900,000.

Category 2:

Post-secondary institution libraries, including universities, colleges, technical institutes and research and special libraries, with library or resource centre budgets less than \$900,000 and greater than \$300,000.

Category 3:

Post-secondary institution libraries, including universities, colleges, technical institutes and research and special libraries, with library or resource centre budgets less than \$300,000.

Category 4:

Regional and public libraries, serving populations greater than 500,000.

Category 5:

Regional and public libraries serving populations less than 500,000 and more than 100,000.

Category 6:

Public libraries serving populations less than 100,000.

Category 7:

School divisions.

Category 8:

Affiliate members, including associations, businesses, individuals and institutions.

Membership fees consist of a "base fee" and a "factor fee".

Formula rationale:

- Category 1, 2 and 3 members are mainly responsible for providing service or resources to a population of limited size, and therefore the budget factor is the most suitable.
- Category 4, 5, and 6 members are responsible for providing service to a community and therefore the population figure is the most suitable.
- Category 7 members are mainly responsible for providing service or resources to a population of limited size measured by a combination of the number of schools and student enrollment so a combination of these factors is most suitable.
- Category 8 affiliate members are charged a flat fee.

Category	Factor	Base Fee	Cost Per 1000 Factor
1	Budget	\$6219	\$0.55
2	Budget	\$879	\$4.30
3	Budget	\$567	\$4.30
4	Population	\$3,791	\$16.00
5	Population	\$3,734	\$16.00
6	Population	\$3,676	\$16.00
7	Schools/Enrollment	\$104/school	\$20.00
8	N/A	\$343	N/A

Note: Effective January 2009, the base fee in all categories will be increased at the inflation rate determined by the Consumer Price Index for Alberta as at August of the previous year.