

Fellowship concessions information

Concessionary rates are available to fellows suffering financial difficulties. Please contact the membership department in confidence before your subscription renewals are due (1 January each year) and we will ensure that your subscription status is set accordingly and you are not overcharged. Call +44 (0) 20 3075 1646 / 1362 or email: membershipqueries@rcplondon.ac.uk.

Fellows of other medical colleges and faculties

If you are a fellow of another college or faculty you are eligible for a 33% concession on your fellowship subscription. This does not apply to the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow), the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland) or the Royal College of Surgeons (England).

Concessions according to PAs per week

If you work less than eight programmed activities (formerly notional half days, NHDs) per week, you are eligible for a concession.

2020			Currently pays % of full UK subscription rate	Amount
Fellows working in England or Wales	Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	100%	£565.00
	Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	75%	£424.00
	Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	50%	£282.50
	Consultant, non-mainstream (specialties relating primarily to other colleges and faculties for training programmes and CME)	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	66%	£373.00
	Consultant, non-mainstream specialty	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	50%	£282.50
	Consultant, non-mainstream	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	40%	£226.00
	Non-consultant career grade doctor (e.g. Associate specialist)	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	66%	£373.00
	Non-consultant career grades	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	50%	£282.50
	Non-consultant career grade doctor	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	33%	£186.00
	In a non-clinical post		50%	£282.50

Fellows working in Scotland or Northern Ireland	Consultant	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	66%	£373.00
	Consultant	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	50%	£282.50
	Consultant	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	33%	£186.00
Fellows working overseas			33%	£186.00
Retired Fellows - UK, Overseas & Scotland & Northern Ireland	Fully retired	Not receiving journal	0%	Nil
		Receiving journal	10%	£57.00
Fellows working in England or Wales in first 4 years of fellowship (concessionary rates apply)	Year 1	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	66%	£373.00
	Year 2	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	75%	£424.00
	Year 3	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	85%	£480.00
	Year 4 or more (full rate)	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	100%	£565.00

Concessions for fellows from low-middle income countries

If you are a fellow based in a low-middle income country, and you are suffering from financial difficulty, you may be eligible for a concession on your fellowship subscription.

The RCP is aware that the cost of fellowship may be particularly expensive in some parts of the world, given relative currency values and local salary levels. As some of the benefits of fellowship, such as CPD (Continuing Professional Development), are more likely to be taken up by UK fellows rather than those overseas we already offer a substantially low level of subscription for overseas fellows.

The question of further discounts based on local economic circumstances has also been considered, but several factors have to be taken into account. These include covering the costs of providing fellowship benefits, the cost of membership organisations within other countries, and differing health systems with different levels of medical incomes. We understand that it can be difficult for a fellow to ask for a reduction in subscription, and there is certainly no intention to embarrass anyone who finds themselves in difficulty.

The following approach has therefore been introduced; using the World Bank's categories of low and middle income countries (see lists below).

- For fellows who are resident (defined by RCP correspondence address) in countries recognised by the World Bank as low - middle income in its published list, a subscription will be charged on the same basis as for any overseas fellow.
- However, if this poses a difficulty for any individual they should write to the membership team in confidence, to declare their sterling-equivalent income is less than £15,000, using the form below. If the fellow's salary is less than £15,000 (equivalent) per annum, the treasurer can consider a subscription rate equivalent to that paid by retired fellows who wish to receive the journal (10% of full rate, currently £57.00).

- There will not be an automatic discount.

Other fellows who find themselves in financial difficulty but who do not geographically qualify for this scheme are welcome to write the treasurer Professor Chuka Nwokolo FRCP in confidence, and he will be happy to carefully consider each individual case and reply. The treasurer wishes to be fair to everyone and hopes that those who need to will write.

International fellows' subscriptions: the World Bank's categories of low and middle income countries

The World Bank's main criterion for classifying economies is gross national income (GNI) per capita. In previous editions of their publications, this term was referred to as gross national product, or GNP. Based on its GNI per capita, every economy is classified as low income, middle income (subdivided into low middle and upper middle), or high income. Other analytical groups based on geographic regions are also used. Economies are divided according to 2006 GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank. The groups concerned here are: low income, \$995 or less; and low middle income, \$996 - \$12,195.

Low-income economies (\$995 or less)

Afghanistan	Guinea	Nepal
Bangladesh	Guinea-Bissau	Niger
Benin	Haiti	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Korea, Dem Rep.	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Kyrgyz Republic	Somalia
Central African Republic	Lao PDR	Tajikistan
Chad	Liberia	Tanzania
Comoros	Madagascar	Togo
Congo, Dem. Rep	Malawi	Uganda
Eritrea	Mali	Zambia
Ethiopia	Mauritania	Zimbabwe
Gambia, The	Mozambique	
Ghana	Myanmar	

Lower-middle-income economies (\$996 to \$3,945)

Angola	India	São Tomé and Príncipe
Armenia	Iraq	Senegal
Belize	Jordan	Sri Lanka
Bhutan	Kiribati	Sudan
Bolivia	Kosovo	Swaziland
Cameroon	Lesotho	Syrian Arab Republic
Cape Verde	Maldives	Thailand
China	Marshall Islands	Timor-Leste
Congo, Rep.	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tonga

Côte d'Ivoire	Moldova	Tunisia
Djibouti	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
Ecuador	Morocco	Tuvalu
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Nicaragua	Ukraine
El Salvador	Nigeria	Uzbekistan
Georgia	Pakistan	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Papua New Guinea	Vietnam
Guyana	Paraguay	West Bank and Gaza
Honduras	Philippines	Yemen, Rep.
Indonesia	Samoa	

Upper-middle-income economies (\$3,946 to \$12,195)

Albania	Dominican Republic	Namibia
Algeria	Fiji	Palau
American Samoa	Gabon	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Peru
Argentina	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Romania
Azerbaijan	Jamaica	Russian Federation
Belarus	Kazakhstan	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lebanon	Seychelles
Botswana	Libya	South Africa
Brazil	Lithuania	St. Kitts and Nevis
Bulgaria	Macedonia, FYR	St. Lucia
Chile	Malaysia	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Colombia	Mauritius	Suriname
Costa Rica	Mayotte	Turkey
Cuba	Mexico	Uruguay
Dominica	Montenegro	Venezuela, RB

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International fellows' subscriptions in low-middle income countries

In confidence

Application to the treasurer for a reduction in subscription

Full Name	
RCP code	
Country of residence	

I declare that my annual income is below £15,000 sterling equivalent (Yes / No)?	
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Signed:

Date:

Please return this form, marking the envelope as 'confidential', to:

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