

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@rcp.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.

2022			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%	£612.00
	Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	75%	£459.00
	Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	50%	£306.00
	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%	£404.00
	Consultant, non-mainstream specialty	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	50%	£306.00
	Consultant, non-mainstream	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	40%	£245.00
	Non-consultant career grade doctor (e.g. Associate specialist)	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	66%	£404.00
	Non-consultant career grades	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	50%	£306.00
	Non-consultant career grade doctor	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	33%	£202.00
	In a non-clinical post		50%	£306.00

Fellows working in Scotland or Northern Ireland	Consultant	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	66%	£404.00
	Consultant	In paid employment more than 4 and less than 8 PA's	50%	£306.00
	Consultant	In paid employment for 4 or less PA's	33%	£202.00
Fellows working overseas - LMIC			31%	£190.00
Fellows working overseas - HIC			36%	£220.00
Retired Fellows - UK, Overseas & Scotland & Northern Ireland	Fully retired			£80.00
Fellows working in England or Wales in first 5 years of fellowship (concessionary rates apply)	Year 1	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	63%	£386.00
	Year 2	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	67%	£410.00
	Year 3	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	75%	£459.00
	Year 4	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	85%	£520.00
	Year 5 or more (full rate)	In paid employment for 8 or more PA's	100%	£612.00

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 £61.00).
- 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 (\$1,045 or less)

Afghanistan	Guinea	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	Somalia
Central African Republic	Liberia	South Sudan
Chad	Madagascar	Sudan
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Eritrea	Mali	Togo
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Uganda
Gambia, The	Niger	Yemen, Rep

Lower-middle-income economies (\$1,046 to \$4,095)

Algeria	Honduras	Philippines
Angola	India	Samoa
Bangladesh	Indonesia	São Tomé and Príncipe
Belize	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Senegal
Benin	Kenya	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Kiribati	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Kyrgyz Republic	Tajikistan
Cabo Verde	Lao PDR	Tanzania
Cambodia	Lesotho	Timor-Leste
Cameroon	Mauritania	Tunisia

Comoros	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Uzbekistan
Congo, Rep.	Mongolia	Vanuatu
Cote D'Ivoire	Morocco	Vietnam
Djibouti	Myanmar	West Bank and Gaza
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Nepal	Zambia
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Eswatini	Nigeria	
Ghana	Pakistan	
Haiti	Papua New Guinea	

Upper-middle-income economies (\$4,096 to \$12,695)

Albania	Gabon	Namibia
American Samoa	Georgia	North Macedonia
Argentina	Grenada	Panama
Armenia	Guatemala	Paraguay
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Peru
Belarus	Iraq	Romania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	Russian Federation
Botswana	Jordan	Serbia
Brazil	Kazakhstan	South Africa
Bulgaria	Kosovo	St. Lucia
China	Lebanon	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Colombia	Libya	Suriname
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Thailand
Cuba	Maldives	Tonga
Dominica	Marshall Islands	Turkey
Dominican Republic	Mauritius	Turkmenistan
Ecuador	Mexico	Tuvalu
Equatorial Guinea	Moldova	
Fiji	Montenegro	

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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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