

Fellowship concessions information

Concessionary rates are available to fellows experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact the membership team, in confidence, before 1 January when your membership subscription is due each year. We will ensure that your subscription status is set accordingly and you are not overcharged. Call +44 (0) 151 318 1859/1928 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 concession does not apply to the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland) or the Royal College of Surgeons (England).

Concessions according to programmed activities (PAs) per week

If you work fewer than 8 PAs (formerly NHDs – notional half days) per week, you are eligible for a concession.

2023		Currently pays % of full UK subscription rate	Amount
Fellows working in England or Wales			
Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	100%	£629.00
Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs	75%	£472.00
Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment for 4 or fewer PAs	50%	£314.50
Consultant, non-mainstream specialty (relating primarily to other colleges and faculties for training programmes and CME)	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	66%	£415.00
Consultant, non-mainstream specialty	In paid employment more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs	50%	£314.50
Consultant, non-mainstream	In paid employment for 4 or fewer PAs	40%	£252.00
Non-consultant career grade doctor (eg associate specialist)	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	66%	£415.00
Non-consultant career grades	In paid employment for more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs	50%	£314.50
Non-consultant career grade doctor	In paid employment for 4 or fewer PAs	33%	£208.00
In a non-clinical post		50%	£314.50

2023		Currently pays % of full UK subscription rate	Amount
Fellows working in Scotland or Northern Ireland			
Consultant	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	66%	£415.00
Consultant	In paid employment for more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs	50%	£314.50
Consultant	In paid employment for 4 or fewer PAs	33%	£208.00
Fellows working overseas in low-or middle-income countries			
		31%	£195.00
Fellows working overseas – HIC			
		36%	£226.00
Retired fellows – UK, overseas, Scotland and Northern Ireland			
Fully retired			£80.00
Retired Fellows overseas in low-or middle-income countries			
Fully retired			£20.00
Fellows working in England or Wales in first 5 years of fellowship (concessionary rates apply)			
Year 1	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	63%	£396.00
Year 2	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	67%	£421.00
Year 3	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	75%	£472.00
Year 4	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	85%	£535.00
Year 5 or more (full rate)	In paid employment for 8 or more PAs	100%	£629.00

Concessions for fellows from low-or middle-income countries

If you are a fellow based in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC), and you are experiencing 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 continuing professional development, are more likely to be taken up by UK-based fellows rather than those overseas, we already offer a substantially lower 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 LMIC:

- > For fellows who are resident (defined by RCP correspondence address) in countries recognised by the World Bank as low- or middle-income in its published list, a subscription will be charged on the same basis as for any overseas fellow.
- > 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 membership magazine (10% of the full rate, which is currently £63.00).
- > There is no automatic discount.

Fellows who find themselves in financial difficulty but who do not geographically qualify for this scheme are welcome to write to the RCP treasurer Professor Simon Bowman in confidence, who will be happy to consider each individual case and reply. The treasurer wishes to be fair to everyone and hopes that those who need to, will write.

The World Bank's categories of LMIC

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 2020 GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank. The groups concerned here are: low-income (less than \$1,036); and low-middle income (\$1,036 – \$12,535).

Low-income economies (less than \$1,036)

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

Lower-middle-income economies (\$1,036–\$4,095)

Algeria	Indonesia
Angola	Iran, Islamic Rep.
Bangladesh	Nicaragua
Benin	Nigeria
Bhutan	Pakistan
Haiti	Papua New Guinea
Honduras	Philippines
India	

Lower-middle-income economies (\$1,036–\$4,095)

Bolivia	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.
Cabo Verde	Mongolia
Cambodia	Morocco
Cameroon	Myanmar
Comoros	Nepal
Congo, rep.	Samoa

Cote D'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Solomon Islands
El Salvador	Sri Lanka
Eswatini	Tajikistan
Ghana	Tanzania
Kenya	Timor-Leste
Kiribati	Tunisia
Kyrgyz Republic	Ukraine
Lao PDR	Uzbekistan
Lebanon	Vanuatu
Lesotho	Vietnam
Mauritania	West Bank and Gaza

Upper-middle-income economies (\$4,096–\$12,535)

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

International fellows' subscriptions in LMIC

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

Signed

Date

Please return completed form to: membershipqueries@rcp.ac.uk

Alternatively if you wish to print and post this form, please return it marking the envelope as 'confidential', to:

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