

# 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](mailto: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. You can also access this form [online](#). This concession does not apply to the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow or the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland).

## 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.

Please click [here](#) to update your fellowship concession.

2024		Currently pays % of full UK subscription rate	Amount
<b>Fellows working in England or Wales</b>			
Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment <b>for 8 or more PAs</b>	100%	£660.00
Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment <b>more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs</b>	75%	£495.00
Consultant, mainstream specialty	In paid employment <b>for 4 or fewer PAs</b>	50%	£330.00
Consultant, non-mainstream specialty (relating primarily to other colleges and faculties for training programmes and CME)	In paid employment <b>for 8 or more PAs</b>	66%	£436.00
Consultant, non-mainstream specialty	In paid employment <b>more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs</b>	50%	£330.00
Consultant, non-mainstream	In paid employment <b>for 4 or fewer PAs</b>	40%	£264.00
Non-consultant career grade doctor (eg associate specialist)	In paid employment <b>for 8 or more PAs</b>	66%	£436.00
Non-consultant career grades	In paid employment <b>for more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs</b>	50%	£330.00
Non-consultant career grade doctor	In paid employment <b>for 4 or fewer PAs</b>	33%	£218.00
In a non-clinical post		50%	£330.00

2024		Currently pays % of full UK subscription rate	Amount
<b>Fellows working in Scotland or Northern Ireland</b>			
Consultant	In paid employment <b>for 8 or more PAs</b>	66%	£436.00
Consultant	In paid employment <b>more than 4 and fewer than 8 PAs</b>	50%	£330.00
Consultant	In paid employment <b>for 4 or fewer PAs</b>	33%	£218.00
<b>Fellows working overseas in low-or middle-income countries</b>		31%	£205.00
<b>Fellows working overseas – HIC</b>		36%	£238.00
<b>Retired fellows – UK, overseas, Scotland and Northern Ireland</b>			
Fully retired			£80.00
<b>Retired Fellows overseas in low-or middle-income countries</b>			
Fully retired			£20.00
<b>Fellows working in England or Wales in first 5 years of fellowship (concessionary rates apply)</b>			
Year 1	In paid employment for <b>8 or more PAs</b>	63%	£416.00
Year 2	In paid employment for <b>8 or more PAs</b>	67%	£442.00
Year 3	In paid employment for <b>8 or more PAs</b>	75%	£495.00
Year 4	In paid employment for <b>8 or more PAs</b>	85%	£561.00
Year 5 or more (full rate)	In paid employment for <b>8 or more PAs</b>	100%	£660.00

## 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 £66.00).
- 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	Burkina Faso
Burundi	Central African Republic
Chad	Congo, Dem. Rep.
Eritrea	Ethiopia
Gambia	Guinea-Bissau
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	Liberia
Madagascar	Malawi
Mali	Mozambique
Niger	Rwanda
Sierra Leone	Somalia
South Sudan	Sudan
Syrian Arab Rep.	Togo
Uganda	Yemen Rep.

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

Algeria	Angola
Bangladesh	Benin
Bhutan	Bolivia
Cabo Verde	Cambodia
Cameroon	Comoros
Congo Rep.	Cote d'Ivoire
Djibouti	Egypt Arab Rep.
Eswatini	Ghana
Guinea	Haiti
Honduras	India
Iran Islamic Rep.	Jordan
Kenya	Kiribati
Kyrgyz Rep.	Lao PDR
Lebanon	Lesotho

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

Mauritania	Micronesia Fed. STS.
Mongolia	Morocco
Myanmar	Nepal
Nicaragua	Nigeria
Pakistan	Papua New Guinea
Philippines	Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe	Senegal
Solomon Islands	Sri Lanka
Tajikistan	Tanzania
Timor-Leste	Tunisia
Ukraine	Uzbekistan
Vanuatu	Vietnam
Zambia	Zimbabwe

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

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

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

Tonga

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Turkey

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Turkmenistan

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Tuvalu

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West Bank and Gaza

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## 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](mailto:membershipqueries@rcp.ac.uk)**

Alternatively complete the form [online](#). If you wish to print and post this form, please return it marking the envelope as 'confidential', to:

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