

Appendix 1: BCS Member Benefits

This Appendix summarises the benefits available to BCS members by category. Membership is available in multiple categories (Ordinary, Affiliate, International, Emeritus and Associate (BJCA)) with benefits allocated accordingly.

Membership Categories & Available Benefits

Benefit Category	Ordinary	Affiliate	International	Emeritus	Associate (BJCA)
Online Member Area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free Early Bird Conference ticket	✓				✓
Reduced Conference Fees	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reduced Course Rates	✓	✓	✓		✓
Digital Knowledge Hub Access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mentoring Scheme	✓	✓			✓
Emerging Leaders Programme	✓	✓	✓		✓
Free access to Publications & Journals (Online Heart, JACC, ESC Textbook)	✓	✓	✓		✓
External fellowship opportunities	✓				✓
Free access to online training programmes (ACHD and SCCT)	✓	✓	✓		✓

1. Core Membership Benefits

1.1 Access & Resources

- BCS Website Member Area: Online account with full access to members-only digital content.
- Digital Knowledge Hub (DKH): Free access to BCS's online educational platform.
- BCS News & Communications: Regular updates and member communications.

1.2 Publications

- Free Access to Heart Online & Open Heart Online: BCS member access to key cardiology journals.
- Discounted Print Subscription to Heart Journal: Reduced rate for physical journal subscription.

1.3 Professional Support & Representation

- Representation with The Royal College of Physicians: BCS professional representation and advocacy.

- Representation across Cardiac & Health Organisations: Influence and engagement at national and sector level.

2. Educational & Career Development Benefits

2.1 Event Participation

- Free early bird access to the BCS Annual Conference for Ordinary and Associate BJCA members.
- Early Bird Registration to BCS Annual Conference for Affiliate, International and Emeritus members.
- Reduced Member Rates for BCS Courses: Lower fees on professional courses and workshops.

2.2 Programmes & Schemes

- BCS Mentoring Scheme: Access to career mentoring and development support.
- BCS Emerging Leaders Programme: Leadership and professional development opportunities.

3. Additional Member Benefits

3.1 Tax & Financial

- Tax Relief Eligibility: Eligible members may claim tax relief on membership fees where applicable.

3.2 Facility & Service Discounts

- Discounted Meeting Room Bookings: Special member rates for venue hire at BCS Headquarters.