

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 and available benefits

Benefit	Ordinary	Affiliate	Associate BJCA	International	Emeritus
Online member area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free early bird conference access	✓		✓		
Reduced early bird conference access		✓		✓	✓
Reduced course rates	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Digital Knowledge Hub access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to the BCS Mentoring Scheme	✓	✓	✓		
BCS Emerging Leaders Programme	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Free access to various Publications and Journals, including Heart Journal, JACC & ESC Textbook	✓		✓	✓	
HRUK & VCACC fellowship opportunities	✓	✓	✓		
Free access to online training programmes (ACHD, SCMR & SCCT)	✓		✓	✓	
Access to apply for Fellowship of the BCS	✓			✓	✓
BCS News and Communications	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Category of Membership	Committees		Officers (including President)		Committee Chairs	
	Stand	Vote	Stand*	Vote	Stand*	Vote
Ordinary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Affiliate	✓	✓				
Associate BJCA		✓		✓		✓

1. Core membership benefits

1.1 Access and resources

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

1.2 Publications

- Access to Heart Online and Open Heart Online and access to key cardiology journals for Ordinary, Associate BJCA and International members.
- Discounted print subscription to Heart Journal: reduced rate for physical journal subscription.

2. Educational and Career development benefits

2.1 Event participation

- Free early bird access to the BCS Annual Conference for Ordinary and Associate BJCA members.
- Reduced 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 and schemes

- BCS Mentoring Scheme: access to career mentoring and development support.
- BCS Academy, including the Emerging Leadership Programme and external fellowship opportunities such as HRUK and VCACC.

3. Additional member benefits

3.1 Tax and financial

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

3.2 Facility and service discounts

- Discounted meeting room bookings: special member rates for venue hire at BCS Headquarters: 9 Fitzroy Square, London.