

**Paper E**

**To: The Members**  
**From: BCA Board**  
**Subject: Item 6 - Membership Subscription Fees 2020**  
**Date: 11 October 2019**

1. The Board has reviewed the membership subscription fees and proposes that the fees are increased for 2020. In broad terms, fees have not increased for many years and indeed more recently, there was a very considerable reduction in fees, which is not sustainable. The CEO will give a presentation on this subject at the AGM.
2. Additionally, a review of the fee structure of similar professional bodies indicates that the stepped increases during the initial years of membership is anomalous. It is more standard practice for graduates to pay a little more, over fewer years, than has been the case in the BCA. The proposed changes in this area will increase charges slightly for Provisional members but they will still remain the most competitive in the profession.
3. Concurrently, as BCA Insurance Services, BCA's insurance broker Lloyd & White have negotiated revised insurance fees with Royal & Sun Alliance, which also include an inflationary increase.
4. All fees are reviewed annually and subject to approval of the AGM each year. The proposed fees for 2020 are as follows:

<b>Year of Graduation</b>	<b>BCA Fees £</b>	<b>ECU Fees £</b>	<b>CRC Levy £</b>	<b>Insurance £</b>
Student	0	0	0	0
2020 (graduating Jun/Jul)	0	0	0	Pro-rata 2019
2019	150	0	0	813.84
2018	250	150	50	923.82
2017	350	150	50	923.82
2016 and earlier	470	150	50	923.82
Concessionary Rate	300	75	50	923.82
Past President	0	150	50	923.82
UK Associate member	125	0	0	923.82
Foreign Student	150	0	0	0

5. Members are asked to approve the fees for 2020.

**Concessionary Membership**

6. Concessionary membership for 2020 is subject to an annual application using the form which is attached as Annex B. It is entirely at the Board's discretion as to whether to apply concessionary membership in the case of each application. Concessions are effective in the year specified only and are subject to re-application and review on an annual basis.
7. Policy on concessionary membership is reviewed annually and will be promulgated with the proposed fee structure for the coming year.

**Annex B**

**Application for Concessionary Membership of the British Chiropractic Association for 2020**

Name	
Membership Number	
Address	
Criterion 1 – Graduated on or after 2017.	Automatic – no further information required.
Criterion 2 – Full-time member of the academic staff of a ECCE-accredited chiropractic teaching institution.	Applications for concessionary membership in this category may also be submitted under one list by the institution concerned. Applicants in this category will receive the Concessionary Rate.
Criterion 3 – Members who are on maternity, paternity, shared parenting or adoption leave.	Applicants must apply by informing the BCA of the start and end dates of this leave and will not be charged membership fees during this period. During the balance of the year of return to work, applicants will receive the Concessionary Rate. Eligibility will be explained as part of the application process.
Criterion 4 – Gross income below £16,000 per annum.	Applicants must enclose a full justification for seeking the Concessionary Rate under this criterion. Business owners whose share in the business is more than £16,000 turnover will not be eligible.
Criterion 5 – Exceptional Circumstances. In this case, the Board may reduce further the cost of Concessionary Membership on a case-by-case basis.	Applicants should enclose evidence or explanation as to how their financial hardship is the result of exceptional circumstances e.g. family tragedy, serious illness.
Criterion 6 – A Full member for 50 years or more.	Automatic – no application required. No membership fees will be charged.
Signature of Applicant	
Date	

Applications for Concessionary Membership for 2020 must be sent to the Operations Manager of the BCA:

by email to: Anne Barlow ([anne.barlow@chiropractic-uk.co.uk](mailto:anne.barlow@chiropractic-uk.co.uk))

by mail to: Anne Barlow, Operations Manager British Chiropractic Association. Blackburn House, Redhouse Road, Seafield, Bathgate, EH47 7AQ

No later than: **1 November 2019**

Members who find themselves in conditions of financial hardship during a calendar year may apply for Concessionary Membership at any time during that year.