



Definition of ‘Good Standing’ at the RCP

RCP fellows and members (of all types)

Fellows and members are expected to act in accordance with RCP Statutes, Bye-Laws, Code of Conduct and Regulations and, in a wider sense, have a duty not to compromise the name of the RCP and to conduct themselves in a way which does not compromise their professional standing or registration or other authority to practise medicine. Where an individual’s fellowship or membership requires payment of a subscription, this must be up to date and not in arrears.

Any circumstances which contradict this declaration and which might cause difficulty for the individual member or the RCP, such as being the subject of a GMC inquiry, must be declared to the registrar. Declarations will be treated in confidence and any such details will be considered on their own merits.

New fellows and new members must sign a form of faith on admittance:

BYE-LAW 30.1

No one shall be admitted as a Fellow of the College, unless on admission they give their agreement in writing to the following words:

‘You faithfully promise, to the best of your ability, to maintain the welfare of the College; to observe and obey its Statutes, Bye-Laws, Regulations and Code of Conduct, and to submit to such penalties as may be legitimately imposed for any neglect or infringement of them; to regard as secret its proceedings, when the College so desires it; to admit to the Fellowship only those who are distinguished by character and learning; and finally

to do everything, in the practice of your profession, for the welfare of your patients and the community and to the honour of the College.’

BYE-LAW 30.9

No one shall be admitted as a Member of the College under Bye-Law 26.3, unless they assent to the following words:

‘You give your faith that you will observe and obey the Statutes, Bye-Laws, and Code of Conduct of this College relating to members, and will submit to such penalties as may be lawfully imposed for any neglect or infringement of them; and that you will, to the best of your ability, do all things in the practice of your profession for the honour of the College, and the good of the public.’

This promise shall be confirmed by affixing their name to the same words, previously committed to writing.

In addition to the above, all those volunteering to contribute to RCP activities are required to make and maintain a declaration of interests and Good Standing on an annual basis.

Should an individual be deemed to be in breach of the above definition, then they would be subject to the RCP conduct process. This can result in the loss of the benefits of membership including the use of postnominals (FRCP or MRCP(London)). In such cases, the individual’s fellowship certificate should not be displayed where the public or colleagues might see it.