**Membership**

Why it makes sense to join the RCSLT

The RCSLT is the professional body for speech and language therapy in the UK. We serve more than 17,000 members – including SLTs, support workers and students – from across a range of sectors and disciplines.

We represent the views of the profession and influence governments and other decision-making bodies to make sure your views are heard where it counts. Your support will help us to shape the development of speech and language therapy policy.

As an RCSLT member you have access to a range of exclusive member benefits and services.

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**Which membership category is right for you?**

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**= With guidance on completing your NQP framework

**= Where an SLT supervises scope of practice

*** = With guidance on completing your return to practice programmes

Don't forget to let us know if your circumstances change. You may need to move to another category. If you are in the wrong category, you may not be covered by the RCSLT’s professional insurance.
Insurance
Make sure you’re covered

As an SLT or assistant it is essential to have adequate insurance cover in case you face legal action. The RCSLT’s insurance facilities provide cover against (1) third party actions and (2) legal defence costs. You can also get legal advice from the insurer’s appointed legal representative.

To receive cover, you must have paid your subscription. Third party action cover (professional indemnity insurance) is available to certified members, newly qualified practitioner members, returning students and assistants. It also covers non-practising members and retired members for their period of practice. This cover is only available for those SLTs, students and assistants who are working in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Gibraltar and sovereign based territories treating British Service Personnel. Incidental work overseas is also covered other than in USA/Canada. Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) Fitness to Practice Legal Defence cover is available only to those SLTs registered with HCPC and domiciled in the UK or the Republic of Ireland.

For more information, download the insurance guide from the RCSLT website members’ area: www.rcslt.org/help-and-support/membership#section-5

CPD
Continuing professional development

Access your personalised online CPD diary to plan and record your professional development, and use our helpful CPD resources, guidance and eLearning tools to support your CPD.

Apply for minor grants of up to £500 towards your professional development. You can use these to cover the costs of attending conferences, short courses, research or the purchase of specified equipment/books.

Attend our study days, conferences and campaign events, book into one of our live or archived webinars, and benefit from discounted fees and free CPD events.

Join the RCSLT’s Hub in your area and make contact with local and national RCSLT clinical excellence networks. We also provide information and referral of complex enquiries to more than 100 expert advisers.

Visit: www.rcslt.org/members/lifelong-learning

Extras
Helping you

Claim tax back on your RCSLT membership.
You can deduct the cost of your membership fees from your taxable income and reduce the amount of tax you pay. You can also ask for your tax relief to be backdated if you have not claimed it in the past. Download the form from the RCSLT website: www.rcslt.org/about/membership/rcslt_membership_tax_reclaim_information

Welfare fund
The RCSLT welfare fund supports members who, by reason of poverty, adversity or ill health, are in need. Awards are usually made of up to £500.
Visit: www.rcslt.org/members/lifelong-learning/welfare-fund

Media
Online and print

The RCSLT online
You will have access to a wealth of member-only products and features on the RCSLT website. You can also access past RCSLT webinars on the latest hot topics and join in with future webinars (visit tinyurl.com/mvrs65k). You can also search for SLT posts on the official RCSLT jobs site, as well as access support and resources for service planning and delivery.

Bulletin, your professional magazine
The RCSLT’s monthly Bulletin magazine includes professional news, clinical articles, research and updates, and is the only professional magazine for SLTs and associates in the UK. It’s an invaluable way to keep in touch with the latest developments and with your colleagues throughout the profession. Members are encouraged to send in submissions for all sections of the magazine.

Campaigning for the profession

We’re building on the success of Giving Voice. Look out for details of future RCSLT campaign activity.

The RCSLT campaigns with and on behalf of its members and speech and language therapy service users.

Do you want to raise awareness about how speech and language therapy transforms lives? You can use the RCSLT’s Giving Voice brand, resources, and Storytelling Project to demonstrate how SLTs assess, support and rehabilitate the lives of people with speech, language, communication, and/or swallowing needs. Campaigning offers great CPD opportunities.

Support for services
The RCSLT’s many resources help members to respond to pressures on services, calls for restructuring or cuts. They include information on skills mix, duty of care, leadership and management of resources, to help you to build business cases and negotiate with local decision-makers, while demonstrating the value of SLTs.
Visit: www.rcslt.org/members/delivering-quality-services

RCSLT
Find the right membership package for you

The International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders (IJLCD)
Access the latest research published in the IJLCD, our well-respected peer-reviewed journal (published six times a year and available online at: www.rcslt.org/members/research/journals#section-4).

Clinical Guidance
Access guidance, resources and networking and learning opportunities to support you in your role.

Professional Guidance
The RCSLT offers guidance to support members in delivering high-quality services while adhering to the standards set by the HCPC.

Networking Opportunities
Keep in touch and up to date with the RCSLT across our social media channels: you can find us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube!