

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 16,000 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?



		Professional Indemnity Insurance (UK and Ireland residents only)	HCPC Fitness to Practise Legal Defence Costs (UK residents only)	Monthly delivery of Bulletin magazine	Access to members-only areas of the RCSLT website	Access online to the International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders	Discounts for RCSLT events	Access to the CPD online diary and CPD resources	Access to minor grants and support from the RCSLT
I am a practising member	I am a qualified speech and language therapist and I work in a speech and language therapy role. I have completed my newly-qualified practitioner framework, and I am engaged in CPD.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
I am a newly-qualified practitioner	I am a new graduate SLT and I am working towards the RCSLT newly-qualified practitioner framework.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓
I am an associate	I work as a speech and language therapy assistant, a technical instructor or a bilingual co-worker.	✓**	–	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
I am a student	I am undertaking a pre-registration undergraduate/postgraduate speech and language therapy course.	✓	–	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–
I am a returner to practice	I have been away from the profession and I am now completing my return to practice programme.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓***	✓
I am a non-practising member	I am qualified/newly-qualified but not currently practising as a speech and language therapist.	Covers period of practice	Covers period of practice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–
I am an international member	I am a UK-qualified speech and language therapy practitioner living outside of the UK.	–	–	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	✓
I am volunteering for a charity	I am volunteering in an area related to speech and language therapy.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–
I am a retired member	I have worked as a speech and language therapist in the past but I am now retired.	Covers period of practice	Covers period of practice	✓	✓	Access to Retired Members Directory	✓	–	–

* = With access to guidance on completing your NQP framework ** = Where an SLT supervises scope of practice *** = With access to 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. The insurance is available to practising members, newly-qualified practitioner members, returners, students and associate members. It also covers non-practising members and retired members for their period of practice.

Third-party action cover is only available for those SLTs and assistants who are resident in the UK and Ireland. Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) Fitness to Practice Legal Defence cover is available only to those SLTs who are resident in the UK.

For more information, download the insurance guide from the RCSLT website members' area: <http://tinyurl.com/rcsltinsurance>

CPD

Continuing professional development

Access your personalised online CPD diary, and use our helpful CPD resources, webinars and e-learning tools.

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 and/or books.

Attend our study days, conferences and campaign events, 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.

For more info, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/k5a3kwc>

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

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. For more information: <http://tinyurl.com/ptahay9>



Media

Online and print

The RCSLT online

Access a wealth of member-only products and features and join RCSLT webinars (<http://tinyurl.com/mvt6skx>) on the latest hot topics. Search for SLT posts on the official RCSLT jobs site. Access support and resources for service planning and delivery.

Bulletin, your professional magazine

The monthly Bulletin magazine includes professional news, clinical articles, research and updates and is the only UK magazine for SLTs and associates. It's an invaluable way to keep in touch with the latest developments and with your colleagues throughout the profession.

Professional guidelines

Stay informed about minimum best practice to assist you in your clinical decision-making.



The International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders

Access the International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders, our well-respected peer-reviewed journal (published six times a year and available online: <http://tinyurl.com/ctnt5g8>).

Communication Quality

Access the professional standards for SLTs and inform your practice.

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.

Our Giving Voice campaign aims to increase understanding of the role of speech and language therapy, and to show how speech and language therapy can reduce costs to society. Campaigning also offers great CPD opportunities.

www.givingvoiceuk.org

Support for services

The RCSLT has many resources to help services and members respond to pressures on services, calls for restructuring or cuts. These include information on skills mix, duty of care, leadership and management resources that will help you to build business cases and negotiate with local decision makers, while proving the value SLTs provide.

<http://tinyurl.com/k5a3kwc>

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Find the right membership package for you

