

TITLE: FREE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR BSS COURSE PARTICIPANTS

RCSI is pleased to advise that all those who are enrolled in the Basic Surgical Skills Course may avail of free Affiliate Membership of RCSI for the remainder of the current subscription year (until 30 Ap).

Affiliate Membership of RCSI provides exclusive access to a range of 'member-only' services aimed at supporting and supplementing your personal, practical, academic and professional development. Additionally, Affiliate Membership enables you to network and stay up to date with the latest news from the field of surgery by providing access to RCSI communications channels, surgical publications and resources and global networking opportunities.

The Affiliate Member Portal

Our dedicated Portal houses a range of resources, supports and benefits for Affiliate Members. You can access it here: www.rcsi.com/portal. Please note, if you do not already have an account, you must first sign up by following the steps below:

- Click '[Sign Up Now](#)' at the bottom of the Portal login page
- Enter your name, email address and chose a password
- When prompted enter the six-digit code received via email

Applying for Affiliate Membership via the Portal

Once logged in, you can now apply for free Affiliate Membership by submitting the Affiliate Member Application Form by Friday, 6 November. Follow the steps below to avail of free membership, which will remain free until 30 April 2027:

- Log in using your email address and password - www.rcsi.com/portal
 - *Please note, if this is your first time using the Portal you will need to create an account*
- Navigate to your **Profile** in the top right corner of the screen
- From the drop-down menu select **Fees & Applications**
- Under the *Apply* section select **Complete your RCSI Affiliate application**
- Update your personal contact details and location
- When prompted:
 - Select the following membership type: Junior Doctor
 - Select the following membership category: General Applicant
 - Tick the box confirming that you have not sat the MRCS Part B exam

- **When prompted to outline your reason for wishing to become an Affiliate Member of RCSI enter the following code: #BSS2026Puducherry** [failure to enter the code will result in a request for payment of a subscription fee]

All applications will be reviewed and approved after Friday, 6 November and you will receive a notification with further confirmation once approved.

Technical queries regarding Portal Access and the Application Form may be submitted to rcsiportal@rcsi.com. All other queries may be directed to fellows@rcsi.com