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RACDS Fee Concession Overview

Purpose and Background

The purpose of this Fee Concession Overview is to provide guidance on the eligibility for an annual membership fee concession and to outline the process for members to apply for a fee concession.
This information document primarily relates to admitted Members and Fellows of the College.

The College recognises that members' circumstances may change over time for various reasons. In providing membership fee concessions, the College acknowledges its ongoing support and commitment to all members throughout these changes in circumstances.

Complete the Annual Fee Reduction Application here.

Eligibility

1. Members under the age of 65 years may apply for a **50% reduction** in the annual fee for one year for the following reasons:

- **Medical status**
  Where such status prevents a Fellow or Member from practicing dentistry
- **Parental leave**
  Full-time parental leave.
- **Cessation of dental practice for 12 months**
  During this time, dental registration is maintained, but a Fellow or Member does not intend to work in the dental profession.
- **Hardship**
  Demonstrated individual hardship due to a significant change in employment status *other than* medical, full-time study or parental leave reasons.
- **Cessation or retirement from dental practice**
- **Part-time work**
  Working two and a half days or less of paid work per week.

2. Members under the age of 65 years may apply for a **75% reduction** in the annual fee for one year for the following reason:

- **Full-time study**
  Full-time study toward a further dental or medical degree or qualification (excluding specialist training programs offered by the RACDS) during which the individual does not receive a full-time salary.

3. Members over the age of 65 years are entitled to the following:
a) 65 years of age and over and still working – Can apply for a 50% reduction of the annual fee.
b) 65 years of age and over and retired – Can apply for membership without payment.
c) 70 years of age or over - will continue to receive the benefits of membership without payment of the annual fee. No application is required.

How to apply

Fellows and Members under 65 years of age, who meet the eligibility criteria for an annual fee concession, can apply via the Annual Fee Reduction Application Form. Supporting documentation may be required.

Fellows and Members aged 65 years and older will be contacted via email and asked to update their employment status via the online Status update form**.** Those over 65 years and still practicing can elect to take up the 50% discount on their annual fee. Those over 65 years and retired can elect to continue their membership without payment of an annual fee.

Members and Fellows 70 years of age and older will continue to receive the benefits of membership without payment of the annual fee.