

Practising (low income) - Guidance Notes

The Society has introduced a low income fee category for members whose gross personal income is less than £16,863.

How much is the Practising (low income) fee?

For 2010 the Practising (low income) fee will be £281.

What constitutes gross personal income?

Gross personal income covers all earnings from all sources. It does not purely relate to earnings from pharmacy related activities.

Who is entitled to pay the Practising (low income) fee?

Any pharmacist whose gross personal income is less than £16,863 is entitled to apply to pay the Practising (low income) fee. The low income fee is not available to pharmacy technicians.

How do I pay the Practising (low income) fee?

The Practising (low income) fee can be paid in the same way as any other fee. It can be paid online via myRPSGB, via the new telephone payment service or by direct debit. Details of how to pay retention fees will appear on the retention fee form.

Will I be required to make an additional declaration?

When making your payment you will be required to make a declaration about your income as follows:

I am applying to join the practising register and I hereby declare that my gross annual income in the forthcoming year will be less than £16,863. I agree to provide the Registrar with evidence of my gross annual income upon request, including at or after the end of the year. If my gross annual income is assessed as being equal to or more than £16,863 or I do not submit evidence I agree to immediately pay upon demand the balance of £141.

If I pay the Practising (low income) fee and my earnings subsequently exceed £16,863 what should I do?

You will need to contact the Registration section immediately and pay the difference between the Practising (low income) and Practising fee, £141.

How do I prove my earnings are below £16,863?

If you elect to pay the Practising (low income) fee you must, upon request, provide the Society with copies of your payslips, bank statements or any other document related to your gross personal income. If your income is assessed at being greater than £16,863 or you do not supply evidence, you must immediately pay the difference between the Practising (low income) and Practising fee, £141.

If you have any additional questions or wish clarification on any point, please call the Registration section on 0207 572 2322 or email registration@rpsgb.org