

Proposed amendment to the Regulations of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

At its July meeting the Assembly noted that the result of the ballot on the Special Resolution to establish a Pharmaceutical Scientist membership category had been that the category should be established. The Society's Royal Charter requires that detailed provisions with respect to governance and membership are set out. These are known as the Regulations. The Royal Charter also requires that members are able to make representations on the content of any new or amended Regulations. The draft amendments to Section 4 to the Regulations, are highlighted below and published for a period of 60 days. Members wishing to comment can do so by email at support@rpharms.com. Please include "comments on regulations" in the email subject box. The deadline for receipt of comments is October 4 2011.

SECTION 4: Membership

1. Categories of membership

There shall be the following categories of membership of the Society:

- (1) **Fellows** - who may use after their names the designatory letters "**FRPharmS**";
- (2) **Members** - who may use after their names the designatory letters "**MRPharmS**";
- (3) **Associate Members** – who may use after their names the designatory letters "**ARPharmS**"
- (4) **Student Members**;
- (5) **Pharmaceutical Scientist Members** – who may use after their names the designatory letters "**SRPharmS**";
- (6) **Honorary Fellows**;
- (7) **Honorary Members**; and
- (8) Such other categories as are established by Special Resolution of the Society.

2. Admission requirements

- (1) Subject to (2) to (8) below, admissions to membership are made by or on behalf of the Assembly whose decision is final.
- (2) **Fellows** are the persons in this category at the date of coming into force of these Regulations or persons admitted to this category in accordance with (a) to (d) below:
 - (a) The Assembly shall appoint a panel of Fellows ("the panel") (not being members of the Assembly or of the Boards) which shall have power to admit persons as Fellows of the Society.
 - (b) The panel may admit as a Fellow a Member of not less than 12 years' standing regarded by the panel as having made an outstanding original contribution to the advancement of pharmaceutical knowledge or attained distinction in the science, practice, profession or history of pharmacy.
 - (c) A member wishing to propose a Member for admission as a Fellow under sub-paragraph (b) may apply in writing to the panel on that Member's behalf in accordance with requirements published by the Society.
 - (d) A Member meeting requirements (including requirements as to fees) from time to time approved for this purpose by the Assembly may apply in writing to the Society for admission as a Fellow.
- (3) The **Members** are persons currently in this category or admitted to this category under Article 5(1)(a) and (b) of the Charter.
- (4) The category of **Associate Member** is open to applicants holding a degree in pharmacy from an institution recognised by the Society.
- (5) The category of **Student** is open to applicants who are studying for a degree in pharmacy at an institution recognised by the Society.
- (6) The category of **Pharmaceutical Scientist Member** is open to applicants holding, at least, a bachelor degree (or its equivalent), in a subject relevant to the pharmaceutical sciences, and working in the basic or applied sciences, or the social sciences, impinging on the discovery, development, delivery, quality, safety, efficacy, regulation or usage of medicines and their educational development in all its many aspects.
- (7) **Honorary Members** are
 - (a) the members of the Assembly and Boards who are not otherwise members of the Society for so long as they remain members of the Assembly or Boards;
 - (b) persons who are Honorary Members at the date of coming into force of these Regulations;

- (c) persons who are not otherwise members of the Society who in the opinion of the Assembly have rendered distinguished service to the Society or to pharmacy and who are considered for honorary membership at one meeting of the Assembly and designated as such by the Assembly at a further meeting.

(7) **Honorary Fellows** are

- (a) persons who are Honorary Fellows at the date of coming into force of these Regulations;
- (b) such persons who are not otherwise members of the Society who are designated as Honorary Fellows by the Assembly as having distinguished themselves in any of the branches of knowledge referred to in the objects of the Society or are eminent in public life.
- (c) Subject to the Charter and these Regulations, the requirements for admission to or transfer to membership of any category shall otherwise be determined by the Assembly.

3. Rights and Privileges

- (1) By virtue of article 12 of the Charter only Members and Fellows may vote on a Special Resolution of the Society.
- (2) The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to use designatory letters, shall cease immediately if a person ceases to be member of the Society.
- (3) The members of the Society may not use any title, description, or designatory letters relating to such membership other than those expressly authorised by the Regulations.

4. Membership Fees and Subscriptions

- (1) Fees and subscriptions for membership of the Society shall be fixed by the Assembly from time to time.
- (2) The current rates are set out in Schedule 1.