

## **BIHS MEMBERSHIP**

### **Terms and Conditions**

#### **British and Irish Hypertension Society (BIHS)**

In accessing information and purchasing a membership for the BIHS via the website, the user agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions as set out below. Terms and conditions are subject to change without notification.

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#### **Membership**

There are 3 tiers of members which are open to registered healthcare professionals providing hypertension care, or individually active in research into high blood pressure or cardiovascular disease in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland:

- Student membership - £30 per annum - this membership is for undergraduates and postgraduates during the tenureship of their training period. If you are in fulltime employment, you do not qualify as a student
- Standard membership - £65 per annum
- BIHS Fellows - £120 per annum - BIHS Fellowships recognise advanced professional achievement and commitment to hypertension excellence. Fellowship status is available through an accreditation process. Please contact [info@bihs.org.uk](mailto:info@bihs.org.uk) for more information.

You may be asked for verification if you purchase a student membership. Each student membership will be checked, and the member may be contacted and asked to confirm their status, as long with proof of their course and student ID.

If it is found that you do not qualify as a student as per these terms and conditions, you will be asked to upgrade your membership, your student membership will be refunded and the student membership closed in the members platform.

#### **Membership cancellation policy**

Your subscription will be automatically renewed at the end of your subscription period if you have set up a direct debit, using the same payment options, and you will be notified of the upcoming renewal date of annual payments. You may opt-out of auto-renewal at any time by changing your direct debit and updating in your profile.

## Payments

The following terms and conditions of sale apply to BIHS memberships purchased via the website:

- After payment, your membership subscription will be automatically activated, providing immediate access to your profile and members online resources. The BIHS reserves the right to check that you have applied for the correct membership subscription. If the incorrect membership grade has been purchased online, you will be advised about any differences in payments if applicable.
- Subscription payments should be made by direct debit, debit or credit card and will be processed immediately.
- One off annual payments can be made by credit or debit card
- Overseas members will only be able to set up a direct debit with a debit or credit card, overseas bank details will not be accepted by the payment portal.
- As of 2024, the BIHS took the decision to cease accepting new standing order payments. As of January 2026, current standing order payments will no longer be accepted. Those who continue to pay by standing order will not have full access to the membership or benefits and they will be asked for bank details in order to refund the standing order payment, then requested to set up a direct debit.
- After your membership application has been confirmed, you will be automatically enrolled and able to set your own password to access the member's area.
- It is the member's responsibility to update any changes in personal details in their online profile.
- Industry and commercial professionals/HCPs are not allowed access to the membership.

## Refunds

Refunds will not be accepted without a valid reason and only within 14 days of purchasing the membership. Please contact the team on [info@bihs.org.uk](mailto:info@bihs.org.uk) with your request and justification.

## VAT

All member's fees quoted are inclusive of VAT at the standard rate.

The VAT breakdown shown is indicative based on the current rate of VAT, and the expected VAT treatment of the goods or services and may change depending on the actual tax point of the invoice, and the VAT treatment of the goods and services purchased at that date.

## Accounts and passwords

You may access this membership platform by creating a membership account and becoming a BIHS member. You agree to be responsible for maintaining the

confidentiality of your account details and passwords which you choose, and all other activities associated with your account.

You agree that:

- Your account and password are personal to you and will not be shared with anyone else to access the BIHS website
- You will not create accounts for the purpose of abusing the functionality of the BIHS website, or other users
- You agree to notify us immediately if you become aware of any unauthorised use of your account or password

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

The BIHS processes personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). To find out what personal data we collect and how we use the data, please read our Privacy Policy on the BIHS website.

### **Changes to the terms and conditions**

Please note that we reserve the right to update these terms and conditions at our discretion. Any revisions to the terms and conditions will be applicable at the time of publishing on the BIHS website.

### **Other**

In connection with your membership, the BIHS will hold personal data about you in accordance with GDPR and the BIHS' privacy policy.

The BIHS does not accept any liability for loss in excess of the amount paid by you, except that which cannot be limited by law.

This agreement is governed by the laws, and subject to the jurisdiction, of the courts of England & Wales.

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