

The cost of providing the RCC PRT programme

Provisional membership of the RCC and participation in the PRT postgraduate training programme go hand-in-hand.

Provisional members pay a subscription fee of £20.83 per month (£250 for the year) and this includes provision of many of the RCC's usual membership benefits, **and** provision of the PRT programme.

We are often asked about why it costs so much to provide PRT and, in surveys, around 50% of respondents feel the cost is too high.

In fact, we are only in a position to provide PRT as part of an inclusive Provisional membership package due to the generosity of PRT Trainers, Tutors and PRT Committee members in terms of giving their time. RCC staff time has to be paid for, of course, and there are many other resources expended in the running of the programme, as outlined below:

Staff resources	Activities in respect of PRT programme
RCC PRT Administrator	Registering candidates, candidate and trainer liaison, monitoring candidate progress, liaison with associations
RCC Events Officer	Administering regional PRT events, registering candidates, tutor liaison, administering trainer training events
RCC Executive officer	Quality monitoring of PRT events, PRT feedback monitoring, website maintenance
RCC CEO	Publicising PRT programme at the colleges, PRT committee contribution and support, liaison with Associations, PRT staff management
Non-staff PRT resources	Activities in respect of PRT programme
PRT Committee	PRT policy and governance, tutor recruitment, performance monitoring, Association engagement, facilitating trainer training. <u>Costs incurred:</u> Meetings costs inc travel expenses, Videoconferencing system, teaching materials
PRT Tutor forum	Periodic programme review <u>Costs incurred:</u> Venue and meetings costs inc travel and subsistence for committee members and staff
Regional education programme	Provision of PRT A, B&C meetings <u>Costs incurred:</u> Venue and meetings costs inc. travel and subsistence for regional Tutors
Overheads	Premises, stationery, PRT handbooks, communication & distribution