

BSG Membership



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Joining as a new member of the BSG

Completing the application form

Prospective members of the BSG are required to complete the online application on the BSG website <https://www.bsg.org.uk/join-online.html>. Applications from any healthcare professional or scientist with an interest in gastroenterology and/or hepatology will be considered. The application form should be completed in full. Please select the most appropriate membership category, which will depend on your professional status. If you are unsure what the most appropriate membership category for you, then please contact the membership team at membership@bsg.org.uk. Once your membership is activated you will be given a membership number, which will allow you to log in to your account. Please keep a note of your membership number as you will need it when you register for reduced fees for the Annual meeting and other event.

Payment of Fees

All applicants are required to pay the appropriate annual subscription upon joining the BSG. All applications are reviewed to ensure the applicant has been assigned to the correct membership category. Where an incorrect membership category has been selected, the BSG will advise you accordingly. Your details will be amended and you will be required to pay the correct subscription.

All fees are payable to the Society in Pounds Sterling. Direct debit is the preferred payment method, but you can also pay by debit or credit card. Membership will be activated once the full payment has been received, either by direct debit or debit/credit card payment

Cancelling your new membership for BSG

You may cancel your application with 7 working days of receipt of our confirmation and will receive a refund of fees paid. You must make any such request in writing by email to membership@bsg.org.uk. A refund of the subscription fee paid will be sent to you within 14 days of the receipt of your notice of cancellation, minus a £10 administrative fee.

If you cancel your membership after 7 days, you will not receive a refund.

BSG/ESGE Dual membership option

Being a member of BSG now provides an additional benefit, with significant reduction on membership of European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) (www.esge.com). BSG members will be entitled to a 20% reduction on ESGE subscription (€150 for full members, €95 for trainees). Dual BSG/ESGE membership will provide additional benefits, including reduction on

national and international meeting registration. During early 2019 single application will be available through the BSG website.

Membership Renewals

Members are required to renew their membership each year. For members who pay by direct debit this will be collected automatically and you will be advised of the date of collection in advance. For those who pay by credit or debit card you will be advised of the need to renew 30 days before your renewal date. This will be followed by a reminder on the renewal date. If payment has not been received within 14 days of the renewal date membership will lapse and access to member benefits will cease. If a member then decides to re-join the BSG, they will be charged the 12-month rate and their membership subscription will run in accordance to the financial calendar from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019.

It is the members' responsibility to keep the BSG informed of any change in their personal details or professional status. Current information on your member details can be accessed by logging in to your personal online profile <https://www.bsg.org.uk/login.html>. For members who change subscription category, such as Trainees moving to Consultant, please advise the membership team (membership@bsg.org.uk) at the earliest opportunity. The BSG will update of your member category and subscription in accordance with the entry criteria. If you wish to make any changes to your membership and subscription please contact us a minimum of four weeks before the renewal date to allow sufficient time for us to make amendments before the start of the new subscription year. This is particularly important when payments are collected by Direct Debit.

Cancellations and Refund Policy for members

Membership is on an annual basis and **no refunds** will be given to members who resign during the year. If you wish to cancel your BSG membership you must inform us in writing by either email at membership@bsg.org.uk

Joining to Get Preferential rates for the Annual Meeting and Short Courses

One of the important member benefits is a significant discount on the fee for attending the BSG Annual Meeting and other BSG endorsed events. In order to take advantage of this benefit you must be a member at the time of booking the event. This means you must join the BSG and pay your subscription before booking a place at the meeting. You will need your membership number to get the discounted rate. Please ensure you leave enough time for your membership application to be approved, which can take up to 7 days.

If you either cancel or do not renew your membership between booking a place at BSG event (such as the BSG Annual Meeting or BSG Endoscopy Live) and you paid the member rate, you will be asked to pay the difference between the member and non-member rate. We cannot guarantee your place at the event until full payment has been received.

Cancellation Survey

If you decide to cancel your membership, we would highly appreciate if you would take time to fill our cancellation survey. We would like to learn about why you decided to cancel your account to help us. Your responses will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any other party.

Data Protection

The BSG takes data protection very seriously. We will respect your preferences on data usage. Your preferences can be update online via the members area. You can also unsubscribe from BSG emails at any time using the link at the bottom of our emails.