

Clinical Ethics Committees (CECs): Attribution of benefits to affiliation fees

The purpose of this document is to set out the attribution of benefits to affiliation fees paid by CECs.

All benefits flowing from the affiliation fee are subject to the discretion of the UKCEN Board and to availability.

1. CEC annual affiliation fee

The CEC affiliation fee is due annually from CECs affiliated to the UK Clinical Ethics Network (UKCEN).

2. Accrual of benefits to the CEC

The affiliation fee cycle runs from 1st April in year 1 to 31st March in year 2 (Period 1). Benefits attributed to fees paid in Period 1 generally accrue in the following period (Period 2 – i.e. 1st April year 2 until 31st March year 3).

Thus for a affiliation fee paid in Period 1, presently the CEC would accrue the benefit of:

- 1 free place at the UKCEN annual conference in Period 2; and
- free attendance for CEC members at the UKCEN pre-conference CEC training workshop in Period 2.

For CECs that are new affiliates there is an additional benefit in that they should receive 1 additional free place at the annual UKCEN conference.

- If the CEC affiliation joining fee is paid prior to the annual conference in Period 1 then the additional free place accrues to the CEC at the UKCEN conference in Period 1. In addition, subject to the discretion of the UKCEN Board, members of the new CEC may attend the annual UKCEN pre-conference CEC training workshop free of charge. It is anticipated that in virtually all cases the new CEC members would benefit from attendance at the annual UKCEN pre-conference CEC training workshop in the year of joining.
- If the affiliation joining fee is paid after the UKCEN annual conference in Period 1 then the CEC can roll over the benefit of the additional place at the UKCEN annual conference thereby securing 2 free places at the annual UKCEN conference in Period 2.

3. The annual UKCEN pre-conference CEC training workshop

All members of CECs are warmly invited to attend this annual training workshop which aimed at members of CECs. Other interested individuals are also welcome attend.

Places for this annual workshop can be secured by payment of the course fee.

Those who both:

- attend the workshop; and
- who are members of an affiliated CEC whose fees are paid up for the relevant period will subsequently receive a refund of the fees paid from the UKCEN.

The following table may be useful to make things clear:

	Period 1	Period 2
Affiliated committee		
Annual fee paid	Yes	x
Benefit accrued	x	1 Conference place, workshop places
New committee		
Joining fee paid before conference	Yes	x
Benefit accrued	1 Conference place +/- workshop places	1 Conference place, workshop places
Joining fee paid after conference	Yes	x
Benefit accrued	x	2 Conference places, workshop places

In order to check whether or not your CEC has paid its annual UKCEN affiliation fee please contact the UKCEN secretariat:

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