

RCPE New Laws and Regulations Tracking Document - May 2026

Current Laws – contents	Placing in new Laws and Regulations	Commentary
1. Definitions And Interpretation	Laws - 1. Definitions And Interpretation Regulations – 2. Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All previous references to annexes have been updated to either Laws or regulations. - 1.1.1 – Includes a definition for “Accessioned Collection” - 1.1.6 – Includes a definition for “Code of Conduct” - 1.1.10 – Includes the date on which the amendments to the Charter were approved. - 1.1.24 – Includes a definition for “Trainees and Members’ Committee” - All terms have been placed in alphabetical order. - A list of ‘definitions’ now sits in both the Laws and the Regulations. - Regulation 2.5 – New line stating “As amended on 6th May 2025” when the amendments to the Charter were approved.
2. Members of the College	Laws - 2. Members of the College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes ‘Fees’ (from Annex 7, 9 and 12) - Includes ‘Removals and Resignations’ (from Annex 14) - Includes ‘Disciplinary procedures’ - 2.1.1 – Clarifies “including Honorary Fellows” after “Fellows” - 2.2 – Removes “subscriptions” and replaces with ‘Obligations’. Subscriptions are covered within Section 5 of the Laws. - 2.2.2 – Clarifies that the Code of Conduct applies to Fellows, Members, Associates and Student and Foundation members. - 2.3.2 – Updated to state Board of Trustees “in consultation with Council” - 2.6.2 – New line clarifying resignations will be deemed immediate. - 2.7 – “Compliance with Declaration” is a new section. - 2.8 – The processes regarding Honorary Fellowship are in the Regulations, but the fact that it can be conferred has been added to the Laws. - 2.9 – A definition of Associates has been included in the Laws, with the processes regarding Associates in the Regulations. - 2.10 – A definition of Student and Foundation Members has been included in the Laws, with the processes regarding Student and Foundation members in the Regulations.

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3. Meetings Of the College	Laws - 3. Meetings Of the College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes Proxy Voting (from Annex 25) - Laws regarding ‘motions’ and ‘minutes’ have been separated into individual sections. (3.7 and 3.13 respectively) - 3.10.1.1 – Clarification of rules relating to the Chair’s vote - 3.10.3.3 – A quorum has been included for Fellows and Collegiate Members to remove a member of the Board of Trustees or Council. - 3.10.3.5 & 3.10.3.6 in current laws (changing constituency boundaries) refer to College elections and the Trainees and Members’ Committee which will now sit within the Regulations. Therefore, these two clauses would no longer apply in the Laws and will in future be able to be amended by the Board of Trustees, in consultation with Council.
4. Council	Laws - 4. Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.2.5 – Updated to include Honorary Treasurer, if the Treasurer is not a Fellow of the College. - 4.2.8 (in current Laws)– Dean of Quality Improvement role no longer exists - 4.4.2 – New Laws includes the appointment of ‘the Chair of the Equality and Diversity Committee and the International Council members’. - 4.6.1 – ‘The Chair of the Equality and Diversity Committee’ has been removed as is required to be Fellow or Collegiate Member. - 4.7.1.3 – Inclusion of clause to state that no member of Council can serve more than 18 consecutive College years. (no more than three two-term appointments or elected roles with no breaks, whichever comes first.) - 4.11.4.1 – Updated to state the 14 Members of Council present must be “elected or appointed” - 4.11.5.3 – Updated wording to better reflect rules relating to the Chair’s vote - 4.11.7.2 – Updated to provide clarity on conflicts of interest - 4.14 – Clarification of which positions shall constitute office-bearers in the Laws and Regulations.
5. Board Of Trustees	Laws - 5. Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5.2.2 – Tidied up to clarify that the Board of Trustees can make decisions once the minimum number of vacancies has been met. - 5.10.1.2 – Updated to state resignation will be deemed immediate - 5.13.4.3 – Updated wording to better reflect rules relating to the Chair’s vote. - 5.15.3.1 – Word correction from “College” to “Laws”.

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6. Administration	Laws - 6. Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes ‘Licentiates and Diplomates’ from Annex 11 - Includes ‘Property of the College’ from Annex 19 - 6.2.2 – Wording updated to state the disposal of heritage furniture or equipment requires a three-quarters majority vote in line with Law 3.10.3 - 6.2.3 – Wording updated to state the disposal of books requires a three-quarters majority vote in line with Law 3.10.3. - 6.4 – ‘Faculties’ has been updated and expanded from previous law 6.2 and Annex 22. - 6.6.5 – Wording updated to state “other than a standing committee” - 6.7.2.2 – Updated wording around postal timescales.
7. Annex: Fellows (further details)	Regulations - 3. Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The existence of Fellowship is written into the Laws, but any aspects and procedures of Fellowship, the awarding and different categories have been brought together into Regulation 3. - Includes functions of the Fellowship Committee. - Make up and purpose of the Fellowship Committee also in ‘Regulation 15. Standing Committees’ - 3.1.4.4 – ‘fee’ refers to the joining fee specifically, and all other references are to ‘subscriptions’ - 3.2 – Procedures for ‘Honorary Fellowship’ have moved from the previous Annex 21. - ‘Honorary Fellowship’ has also been written into ‘Law 2. Members of the College’ - 3.3 – ‘Fellowship with distinction’ has been moved from Annex 21 and updated. - 3.3.1 – Wording updated to clarify “Fellows of Council” - 3.3.4 – Clarifies that the deadline is set by the Secretary.
8. Annex: Members of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (MRCP (UK))	Regulations - 4. Members of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (MRCP (UK))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No change from current Laws
9. Annex: Collegiate Members	Regulations - 5. Collegiate Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5.2.3 clarified the language to reference Collegiate Members’ rights at general meetings

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10. Annex: The Trainees & Members’ Committee	Regulations - 7. The Trainees and Members’ Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This regulation has been updated by the Trainees and Members Committee. Main changes are: - The number of constituency seats has changed to 11 for Scotland and 10 for England. - Tidied up voting rights for committee members. - Includes provisions for sharing of both Chair and Vice-Chair roles.
11. Annex: Licentiates and Diplomates	Laws - 6. Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporated fully into the Laws
12. Annex: Fees	Laws - 2. Members of the College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All references to Fees in previous Annexes 7, 9 and 12 have moved into the Laws
13. Annex: Disciplinary procedures	Laws - 2. Members of the College Regulations - 6. Disciplinary Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kept as a regulation but also in the Laws as part of ‘Members of the College’ - 6.2 – Updated to clarify that Code of Conduct also applies to “Associates and Student and Foundation members”
14. Annex: Resignations and Removals of Members of the College	Laws - 2. Members of the College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporated into the Laws
15. Annex: Minutes, and amendments to Motions	Regulations - 8. Amendments to Motions Regulations - 9. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Split in two, with separate regulations for both ‘Minutes’ and ‘Amendments to Motions’.
16. Annex: The Election of the President, Vice-President(s) and Council	Regulations- 10. The Election of the President, Vice-President(s) and Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10.5 – Removes ‘UK’ before subscription adding in “and working principally in the constituency” to the second line also for clarification and consistency. - 10.10 – Makes a correction, removing “President” - The rules for ‘Election Nominations and Canvassing’ guidance will be added as ‘Appendix A’
17. Annex: Council duties (further detail)	Regulations - 12. Duties of Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12.1 Updated lists of the roles and duties of Council. - 13.1- Section added for the duties of the Board of Trustees - Includes a specification for one of the Council Members appointed to the Fellowship Committee to ideally be a Vice-President who should act as Convener.

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17. Annex: Council duties (further detail), Continued.	Regulations – 13. Specific Duties of the Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes Council’s power to appoint representatives to other medical and charitable board, previously in Annex 21.
18. Annex: Powers and duties of the Senior Office-Bearers	Regulations - 14. Powers and duties of the Office Bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The appointment procedure for each non-elected and non-ex officio member of Council is detailed in Regulation 11 – ‘Appointment of Office Bearers to Council’ - The powers and duties of each Office Bearer listed separately - 11.2 – Updated to state Office-bearers appointed under Regulation 11.1 must be a Fellow or Colligate Member. - 14.2 – Includes further details for powers and duties of the President. - 14.2.1.1 – Line in current laws removed to better reflect role of President, covered by 14.2.1.3. - 14.4.1.10 – New line setting out what happens when the Treasurer is a Fellow of the College. - Removal of Clause 14 authorising the Treasurer to employ assistants – bringing into line with current processes. - 14.5.1.5 – Updated to reflect that this now comes under the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees rather than Council. - 14.7.1, 14.8.1, &14.9.1 – Wording of “control” updated to “oversight”.
19. Annex: Property of the College	Laws - 6. Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporated into ‘Administration’ in the Laws
20. Annex: Library, Museum and Archive Committee	Regulations - 15. Standing Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes details of the makeup and purpose of the Fellowship Committee, therefore creating a standard regulation covering standing committees of Council.
21. Annex: Representatives of the College, Honorary Fellows, Fellowship with Distinction, Associates, Student and Foundation Members	Laws – 2. Members of the College Regulations - 16. Associates, Student and Foundation Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sections on Honorary Fellowship and Fellowship with Distinction have moved to: ‘Laws – 2. Members of the College’ and ‘Regulations – 3. Fellowship’.

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22. Annex: Faculties and Joint Faculties	Laws - 6. Administration Regulations - 17. <i>Faculties or Joint Faculties of the College</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The establishment and status of Faculties has been written into the Laws. - The College’s powers with regards to Faculties have been set out in the Regulations.
23. Annex: Declarations and Diplomas	Regulations - 18. Diplomas and Declarations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes regulations relating to the awarding of diplomas to Faculty or Joint Faculty members.
24. Annex: The Clerk	Regulations - 19. The Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated wording to match the roles and responsibilities of the Clerk.
25. Annex: Proxy Voting	Laws - 3. Meetings Of the College Regulations - 20. Proxy Voting: Designated Motions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes regulations for Designated Motions.
26. Annex: Transitional Provisions	Regulations - 21. Transitional Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has been updated following the start of the new College year in November 2025 - This Regulation will be updated each year until all roles held during the transition to the new Charter, Laws and Regulations have ended.

Details of work to be undertaken by Council and the Board of Trustees on the Regulations after the Extraordinary Meeting.

<i>Regulation 6. Disciplinary Procedures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the work currently being undertaken on creating a general Code of Conduct, it is planned that more detail on disciplinary procedures will be presented to the Board of Trustees for agreement and inclusion in Regulation 6.
<i>Regulation 10. The Election of the President, Vice-President(s) and Council</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A provision for Council member by-elections will be considered in due course.
<i>Appendix A</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election Nominations and Canvassing is currently being considered by a working group and will be presented to Council and the Board of Trustees for approval in due course.
<i>Appendix B</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work to create a general Code of Conduct is underway and will report to Council and the Board of Trustees in due course.