

Change to the name of the Health Practitioner Membership Category

Following a vote of members at [this year's Annual General Meeting](#) the name is changing of the membership category covering health care assistants, health care support workers, assistant practitioners, nursing associates and trainee nursing associates.

The new name is “nursing support workers”.

The membership of this category feel it is a more accurate description of who they are and what they do at this current time.

The change in name does not affect the cost of membership or the people who can join the category.

However, this change does not pre-empt the consultation that was launched at 2019 Congress on the future membership structure. The RCN is currently consulting widely on all our membership categories to ensure that they reflect the work of all members. This will include health care assistants, health care support workers, assistant practitioners, nursing associates and trainee nursing associates.

We would therefore encourage members who do not feel that this is the right long term description of the category to take part in that conversation.

The details of the consultation can be found here <https://www.rcn.org.uk/get-involved/consultations/con-rcn-0119>

Members will start to see the new name being introduced in the information they receive from the RCN over the next few months.