



## Guidance on the financial support available to GDPC members

### Sessional payments

Sessional payments are made in respect of loss of earnings for attendance at meetings. For GDPC members, these payments are made either by the Local Dental Committees (LDCs) within your constituency or by the British Dental Guild.

### Attendance at GDPC meetings

Members attending GDPC should be able to claim sessional payments from the LDCs within their constituency. This is by agreement and will usually come with a reasonable expectation that you report back to the LDC on the GDPC's business. The GDPC expects that all GDPC members maintain strong links with the LDCs in their area. Where there are multiple GDPC members and/or multiple LDCs, then an agreement will need to be reached as to how to handle payments and responsibilities for updating each LDC.

LDCs also support GDPC representatives in attending the LDC Conference and LDC Officials' Day.

*What is the rate per session?*

This is for agreement between the member and the LDC, but would normally be based on the [British Dental Guild's rate](#).

*What about Early Career Dentist seats?*

The Early Career Dentist seats don't represent a geographical constituency that contains LDCs and as a result the [British Dental Guild](#) has agreed to meet their sessional payments.

### Attendance at GDPC Sub-committee meetings

Members of GDPC Sub-committees can claim sessional payments from the [British Dental Guild](#) for attendance at meetings. These sessions are paid at the Guild's rate.

The eligible Sub-committees are:

- GDPC Executive Sub-Committee
- GDPC Associates Sub-Committee
- GDPC Private Practice Sub-Committee

### Attendance at meetings on behalf of GDPC

Where a GDPC member is directed by the GDPC Chair to attend a meeting on behalf of the Committee, then sessional payments can be [claimed from the Guild](#) in respect of this.

### Expenses

Expenses are reimbursements in respect of costs incurred due to attendance at meetings, such as for travel, subsistence and accommodation.

BDA members can claim reasonable expenses for attendance at in-person meetings from the Association, in line with the Expenses policy. Members should check the policy for full details, but, in summary it allows for:

- Reimbursement for standard class train travel
- Reimbursement for other transport costs by agreement with the Committee Secretary in advance
- Reimbursement for subsistence: (breakfast £15, lunch £16, and dinner £25 per day)
- Reimbursement for accommodation up to £220, where this is absolutely necessary for attendance and is agreed with the Committee Secretary in advance.

Receipts must be submitted along with the claim. Additionally, expense claims should be emailed to [finance@bda.org](mailto:finance@bda.org) rather than be posted to the BDA's head office.

Committee members are asked to be mindful that these expenses are funded from membership fees, and therefore there is a responsibility to spend this money wisely. Members should make prudent decisions, such as booking trains well in advance, to minimise costs.