

ESTS MISSION

'Our mission is to improve quality in all aspects of our specialty: from clinical and surgical management of patients to education, training and credentialing of thoracic surgeons in Europe and worldwide.'

THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Complete the APPLICATION FORM, which is available on the website.

- **Page 1** - Information required are your personal details – title, name, date of birth, work address and home address, email address. Select your mailing address.
- **Page 2** – Obtain the signatures of two Active ESTS Members to sponsor your application. (Trainee or provisional members are not eligible to sponsor applications).

Select the membership status that applies to you, including if you are a member of EACTS, STS or ERS. Trainee Membership is for a maximum of 5 years duration.

Active Membership Application:

Email to admin@ests.org.uk:

- Completed Membership Form (with 2 sponsors signatures)
- English version of CV and list of any publications.

Trainee Membership Application:

Email to admin@ests.org.uk:

- Completed Membership Form (with 2 sponsors signatures)
- English version of CV
- Letter from your Head of Department confirming your Trainee Status including date training started and date due to complete.
- Your application will be acknowledged and checked; you will be contacted if your application is incomplete
- Application is sent to the Membership Committee for review. Review and decision takes approximately 7-10 days

In some circumstances additional information or clarification is requested and we notify you via email during this process.

Once their decision is made you are notified by email and invited to pay your Membership Fee for the current year, details of which are available via this link

[ESTS Membership Fees Link](#)

[Membership fees are set at three levels for members, according to the average per capita income in the country according to the World Bank.](#)

Fees are paid annually (Invoiced in January and paid via ESTS website).

Trainee members who have completed their training will automatically become active members the following year and will be notified and invoiced appropriately.

What happens once the Membership Committee has made their decision?

- New members are put forward for ratification at the General Assembly at the annual ESTS Conference on General Thoracic Surgery and applicants are 'provisional' until then. Deadline for applications is 31 March. A two-third vote of those present and voting at the General Assembly shall be required to elect new members.
- Applications received after 31 March will be provisional until the following year's General Assembly. Provisional members are eligible for the benefits of membership.

What happens after your Membership has been ratified?

- You will be sent a signed Membership Certificate and an ESTS Lapel Pin to wear to promote Thoracic Surgery across Europe. These are mailed in July after the Annual Congress.
- You will be notified annually when your Membership Fee is due for payment and also when you are changing from Trainee to Active status.
- Active members can sponsor new membership applications

Provisional Member Benefits include

- EJCTS - when you have been accepted as a provisional member and following payment of the membership fee, you will be added to the mailing list to receive both the on-line and paper copy of the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery which is the official journal of:

The European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery; and

The European Society of Thoracic Surgeons

The paper copy is mailed to your choice of address indicated on your Membership Form (Page 1) so it is important that your address is correct and that you notify us of any changes to your address.

- The publishers, Oxford University Press, will arrange on-line access to the EJCTS.

- Provisional members are eligible for reduced registration to the annual meeting, reduced registration to educational events and eligible for joining the ESTS Database.

Access to the ESTS Website

You will be emailed a personal log-in username for the ESTS website and asked to update your password on the website. You will then have access to the ESTS website.

How can I discontinue my Membership of ESTS?

Members of any category may resign at any time by informing the Secretary General.

What happens when I retire from active practice?

Senior Membership is reserved upon request after the age of 65 for active members who retire from active clinical practice but who wish to remain members of the Society. There is no fee for Senior Membership but mailing of the EJCTS would be discontinued.

What is an 'Honorary Member'?

Honorary Membership is reserved for distinguished persons who have promoted the development of thoracic surgery in an outstanding manner. Honorary members are proposed by ESTS Council and appointed by two-thirds of the voting members in the General Assembly. Election to Honorary Membership is for life.

Our aim . . .

We aim to process your application for membership of ESTS in a timely and professional manner, communicating with you on a regular basis so that you are kept informed of your application's progress and status.

If you have any queries regarding the Membership process, please contact the Administrative Secretary on admin@ests.org.uk or call +44 1392 430671.

We look forward to welcoming you as a Member of ESTS!