

Guide to Membership Benefits

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The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing (BINDT) is the UK's professional body for individuals and organisations involved with NDT, condition monitoring and all other materials testing disciplines.

Membership of BINDT is open to anyone or any company working in or having an interest in NDT, condition monitoring, diagnostic engineering or materials and quality testing in general.

Individual members range from students embarking on engineering, physics, metallurgy or a wide range of other courses, practitioners in the hands-on world, managers and academics, to research scientists. For further information on how to join as an individual member, see the '*Guide to Individual Membership*'.

Company members – referred to as Corporate Members – come from an equally diverse range of industries: aerospace, power generation, oil & gas, petrochemical and universities, to name but a few – as well as the equipment manufacturers, providers of specialist services and consultancies. For further information on how to join as a company member, see the '*Guide to Corporate Membership*'.

The British Institute of NDT (BINDT) has entered into an agreement with the Hospital and Medical Care Association (HMCA), whereby HMCA will offer BINDT members and their families its range of medical health cover and related products.

HMCA is a specialist in offering voluntary benefits exclusively to members of professional and trade associations and membership groups. The plans are available exclusively to members and are not available to the general public, ensuring and maintaining competitive rates for members and their families.

BINDT has had a long association with HMCA, whose mailing division has proven to be a reliable and trusted supplier of mail fulfilment services for the Institute's publications over many years.

Under the terms of the agreement, members of BINDT in all grades will be able to benefit from the following:

Medical care plan

One of the benefits of being a member of the Institute is that we offer the HMCA medical plans with a 40% discount and a guaranteed acceptance. These medical plans may provide benefits in treating acute conditions after seeing your GP from which the NHS may be unable to treat you when you need it or in a location that is convenient for you.

The medical care plans provide private health cover giving you the freedom to choose the hospital, the specialist and the time which suits you best. This will also allow you to avoid the NHS queues whilst also having unrestricted hospital visiting times and a private room usually with an en-suite.

Claims that are made through the medical plans are settled promptly and also offer you a guaranteed transfer facility. There are no exclusions for sports activities, overseas cover and dental treatment in hospital. Alongside all of this they also offer a free medical and counselling helpline available 24/7 to help and support your questions and queries.

Members may transfer to HMCA at any age without a medical examination, with no break in protection and with a 14-day money-back guarantee. Upon joining the plan, members will receive a £50 Marks & Spencer gift card. In addition to this, the plan now includes Personal Accident cover at no additional cost.

Dental plan

The dental plan provides cover for routine examinations, hygiene, X-rays and remedial and restorative treatment. You will also be covered for emergencies, accidents and oral cancer.

Whether you have a private or NHS dentist, the dental plan allows you to select the dentist of your choice and includes hospital and day-case treatment. Eligibility covers ages 0-78 for members, their spouses and family.

Income protection plan

If you found yourself unable to work due to an accident or illness, could you afford to keep up with your financial commitments whilst you recover? Income Protection Plus from HMCA provides you with a tailored plan that pays you a regular income should you find yourself in this situation.

Care cash plan

The care cash plan provides tax-free cash to cover your unexpected medical expenses should you need it. Cash benefits include hospital admissions, day-case admission, dental, optical, consultations, X-rays, scans, physiotherapy and complementary medicine. The benefits also continue whilst travelling within the EEA.

HMCA single- and multi-trip travel plan

HMCA provides a flexible package to cover overseas holidays and non-manual business trips for either the individual traveller or the family. Comprehensive cover is available at competitive prices with a first-class claims handling service to offer further peace of mind.

Providing medical expenses cover up to £10 million when you travel overseas, you can cover single trips inexpensively and regular travellers can have an annual contract. Cancellation and curtailment, delayed departure, loss of baggage and cash, personal accident and winter sports are all covered. Immediate cover is available subject to terms and conditions.

Personal accident plan

The personal accident plan provides up to £150,000 of cover, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The plan offers an excellent combination of valuable protection at low cost and is eminently suitable both at home or abroad.

HMCA breakdown recovery club

Being part of the breakdown recovery club takes the worry out of driving for individuals and companies, gives full cover, at a low cost, for home-starts, roadside assistance and recovery following an accident or breakdown and has no joining or membership fee as with some breakdown organisations. There is also a 50% discount for a second car and priority is given to lone women drivers. There are no age restrictions on your vehicle, and a home-start option is also included. Free continental cover for seven days is also offered as part of the plan.

Legal helpline

In addition to the benefits detailed, members have access to a free legal helpline, offering assistance on a wide range of topics, from employment to contract problems, free technical helpline and a number of other useful benefits.

NDT helpline

The NDT helpline is provided through the Membership Services Department. Advice can be given to members who have a query. In addition, non-members who need equipment or an NDT service are put in touch with the Corporate member nearest to the caller's location; this is a useful source of new work for Corporate members.

Additional membership benefits

For individuals:

Individuals joining the Institute as members have access to a range of valuable benefits, including:

- Status – to demonstrate your standing in the engineering profession;
- Education – to further your knowledge and enhance your career prospects;
- Information – industry and employment news;
- Free copy of *Insight**, the Institute's monthly journal;
- *NDT News** monthly – Branch bulletin and certification news;
- Free *BINDT Yearbook**;
- Free Branch membership;
- Discounts on books, membership items and other goods;
- Discounts for attendance at Institute conferences and seminars;
- Engineers' registration opportunities – CEng, IEng and EngTech;
- Opportunity to participate in industry committees.

*Online-only copies for Affiliate Members.

For companies:

Companies joining the Institute as Corporate members have access to a range of valuable benefits, including:

- Recognition for the company as a member of the BINDT community;
- The opportunity to join the Trade & Industry Committee and provide input to help the Institute function;
- Access to UK, European and international markets;
- The opportunity to influence standards and legislative development;
- Contact with government bodies;
- Free listing in every issue of the Institute's journal, *Insight**;
- Free entry in the Institute's Yearbook, the industry reference source, and online Buyers' Guide;
- Free marketing on the internet;
- Discounts for advertising in all Institute publications;
- Discounts for participating in our biennial Materials Testing exhibitions;
- Free technical advice;
- Free legal advice;
- Monthly publications on technical developments and international contract opportunities;
- Network of Branches throughout the UK;
- Display of authorised livery on letterhead and shield for company reception;
- The opportunity to meet industry peers and exchange views at BINDT events;
- Discounts for attendance at Institute conferences and seminars;
- An international network of contacts;
- Assistance with representation at exhibitions.