

HIMSS BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER

BCHIMPS to BCHIMSS Membership Transition

Overview

BCHIMPS is excited to continue moving forward with our transition to becoming the British Columbia HIMSS chapter ("BCHIMSS"), and one of the next steps on the journey is to adopt the HIMSS membership system and structure. As part of this transition, BCHIMPS membership account data will be migrated into the new HIMSS membership system on **Friday, July 24th 2020**. All BCHIMPS members in good standing (active status BCHIMPS members who have already paid renewal fees for 20/21) at this point in time will receive a full, one-year HIMSS Regular membership starting from this date and requiring renewal on June 30th, 2021. The Regular membership includes a local chapter membership to BCHIMSS.

This migration process provides a seamless transition for our members by automatically creating your membership account in the HIMSS system and pre-populating your information. Once this migration is complete all account self-management activities (contact information updates, password changes, payments, etc.) will be done on the new HIMSS system going forward. All BCHIMPS members in good standing will be automatically included in this process; no additional action is necessary on your part.

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of HIMSS individual memberships exist? What type of HIMSS membership will I receive after the transfer?

HIMSS offers several types of Individual memberships: Regular, Chapter, and Student.

Type	Benefits	Annual Cost
Regular	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive member pricing on the HIMSS Global Health Conference, regional events, webinars, bookstore and the HIMSS Learning Center• Participate in HIMSS committees, communities and roundtables• Gain access to members-only content on HIMSS.org• Includes one HIMSS chapter of your choice	Professionals in healthcare provider organizations, government and affiliated healthcare settings: \$199 USD Professionals in vendor, consultant, pharma, payer and other

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		business solutions settings: \$299 USD
Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in local chapter events• Receive chapter updates and education• Get member pricing on applicable chapter activities	\$39 USD
Student	Get regular member benefits at a discounted price, and benefit from resources designed for early careerists.	\$30 USD

All BCHIMPS members in good standing as of the membership transition date on July 24th, 2020 will receive a **Regular HIMSS membership, including a BC Chapter membership (value of \$199/\$299 USD)**, valid until June 30th, 2021.

What if my BCHIMPS membership expires before the transition date?

We strongly recommend renewing your membership before the HIMSS transition. BCHIMPS membership is \$75 CAD for the year, and this entitles members in good standing to a Regular HIMSS membership valid until June 30th 2021 as part of the transition agreement (value of \$199/\$299 USD). If your membership is not in good standing as of July 24th, 2020 when the transition occurs you will be required to sign up through HIMSS for a new Chapter or Regular membership at full price.

My BCHIMPS membership is in a different category than the standard Member (student, corporate bundle, sponsor, Past President). How does this impact me/my company?

All BCHIMPS members, regardless of their category, will receive a full Regular HIMSS membership for the first year. Next steps after the first year will depend on your category.

- **Students:** Students are encouraged to renew as regular members if they have graduated by the time of renewal. If you will still be engaged in formal full-time study looking to become active in the fields of healthcare information and management systems by the renewal date, you can change your membership type from Regular to HIMSS Student membership.
- **Corporate Bundles & Sponsors:** The BCHIMSS board will work directly with corporate bundle members and sponsors over the next year to help them evaluate our updated HIMSS packages and find the best fit for their needs.

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- Please note that under HIMSS bylaws, memberships are *nonrefundable and nontransferable*. If you have a BCHIMPS corporate or sponsorship package that includes employee memberships, we strongly recommend that you make any changes needed to employee membership assignments prior to the HIMSS transition date.
- **Past Presidents:** Past Presidents of BCHIMPS, who currently receive a lifetime BCHIMPS membership, will continue to receive a lifetime HIMSS BC Chapter membership. More details will be provided directly to this group prior to the renewal date.

I am already both a HIMSS member and a BCHIMPS member. How does the membership migration impact my existing HIMSS account?

HIMSS has a process in place to ensure that no duplication occurs when the BCHIMPS membership data is imported. Your account data will not be overwritten and your HIMSS login and password will stay the same. However, you will need to log into your account page at himss.org and “join” the newly-created BC chapter.

What happens after the membership data is migrated? How can I start accessing my new HIMSS member account?

Once your HIMSS membership is activated, an email will be automatically generated from the HIMSS system (NoReply-Membership@HIMSS.org) containing details on the necessary steps to complete your HIMSS account setup. BCHIMPS will remind members of this process via email shortly before the transition occurs.

If you have followed all the steps provided and still have issues logging into the HIMSS system after the transition, you can email membersupport@himss.org for assistance.

What if I don't want my information transferred into the HIMSS system?

If you don't want your BCHIMPS membership information to be transferred to the new HIMSS system, please notify Cori@bchimps.org by the end of day Friday, July 10th to opt out. **Opting out of the HIMSS membership migration will prevent your HIMSS Regular and BC Chapter memberships from being issued.** Next steps will be provided should you choose to opt out.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions about the HIMSS membership transition?

Please contact Andy Yngreso, BCHIMPS Director Membership Engagement, at Andy@bchimps.org with any questions.