

Applying for Membership

The Association for Therapeutic Healers

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The Association has three categories of practitioner membership:

- Associate Member
- Student Practitioner Member
- Full Member

The procedure for applying for each category of membership is as follows:

Associate Member

The procedure for applying for Associate membership is very straightforward. You should first read the document “Membership Criteria” to ensure that you can satisfy the requirements for Associate membership. If you wish to apply, please complete the relevant application form as fully as possible.

Please include with your application some evidence of your involvement in healing and any other therapies you are trained in. This evidence should include copy certificates or diplomas in healing and other therapies. If you are unable to provide a certificate, we will consider evidence of prior learning or experience, which can include a letter from your course facilitator. If you are currently in training, please apply as a **Student Practitioner**.

You will need to have a Proposer and a Secunder, preferably current members of the ATH, who should both sign the application form. If they are not current members of the ATH, please state their relationship to you, whether they are qualified in healing or any other therapy, and include their contact details with you application.

Please note: Associate membership does not entitle you either to put yourself forward to the general public as a qualified therapeutic healer, or be included on the ATH Public Register.

Student Practitioner Member

The procedure for applying for Students Practitioner Membership is very straightforward. You should first read the document “Membership Criteria” to ensure that you can satisfy the requirements for Student Practitioner Membership. If you wish to apply, please complete the relevant application form as fully as possible.

You will not need a Proposer and Secunder for this application, but the form must be signed by your course facilitator or school principal. Please include with your application form proof that you are currently attending a recognised ATH Healer Training Course, or an outside course that meets our training criteria, including a letter from your course principal or facilitator to confirm this, and a copy of your payment receipt. We will contact your facilitator before acceptance, and at various intervals throughout the course, to verify your commitment to the training.

Any Student Practitioner leaving their course before its completion will be automatically expelled from the ATH, and no longer be covered by our group insurance.

Please note: Student Practitioner Membership does not entitle you either to put yourself forward to the general public as a qualified therapeutic healer, or be included on the ATH Public Register.

Full Member

Full membership of the ATH entitles you to put yourself forward to the general public as a qualified therapeutic healer and to be included on the Public Register. The Association is therefore obliged to ensure that applicants meet the criteria for this category of membership. Applicants are required to have completed a minimum of two years training in healing, and must present supporting documentation. Those holding a Diploma in Therapeutic Healing from an ATH Accredited Organisation (e.g. Full Spectrum Healing) are eligible for Full Membership upon completion of stages A and C below, and do not require sponsorship.

Before applying, please read the document 'Membership Criteria' carefully and if you satisfy the main criteria:

A) Complete the application form as fully as possible. Please include with your application two copies of all relevant certificates and diplomas which relate to your qualification in healing and your other therapy, or therapies. You may also wish to expand upon your experience in these areas, in which case, please do so on a separate sheet. Please return the above documents to The Membership Secretary, together with your cheque, made payable to The Association for Therapeutic Healers, as set out in the 'Charges and Subscriptions' section below.

B) You will need two Sponsors, who should both sign your application form. Ideally, both Sponsors should be current Full Members of the ATH, but if you do not find this possible, please state who your sponsors are and in what capacity they are sponsoring you.

C) Then send your completed application form and attachments, together with your cheque for the relevant amount shown in the Charges and Subscriptions section below, to the current Membership Secretary.

D) Upon receipt of your application and assuming that you satisfy the appropriate criteria, you will initially be granted Associate Membership pending the outcome of your application.

E) If you do appear to meet the criteria, you will then be asked to attend a Membership Panel. The Membership Panel meets in London twice a year and applicants either living in SE England, or who are able to travel to London from elsewhere, go before the Panel. If you live elsewhere in the UK and are unable to attend a Panel in London, or are unable to attend for reasons of disability, we will try to arrange a more convenient Panel.

F) The Membership Panel has three main tasks:

- To meet you and find out, through conversation, how you developed your interest in healing and the way in which you combine it with your other therapy, or therapies.
- To ensure that you have a **detailed and comprehensive** understanding of the Code of Conduct and Ethics of the ATH
- To ask you to give a demonstration of how you carry out the healing act. The purpose of this is not to attempt any assessment of your effectiveness as a healer, but more to ensure that the manner in which you give healing is acceptable in terms of the requirements of the Code of Conduct and Ethics. The demonstration is normally given with the receiver seated. If you normally give healing using a couch, please make this clear when you are asked to attend the Panel.

G) The Membership Panel will meet you in a spirit of enquiry and interest in you and in convivial surroundings. It is the Association's intention that such meetings are those of equals and do not take the form of some rigorous examination. When the meeting is concluded, you will probably be asked to retire for a short while, whilst the Panel may consider their meeting with you. You will then be given the Panel's decision on your application. Should you not be satisfied with the Panel's decision, you have the right to appeal against it, through the Association's Membership Secretary.

H) Professional Indemnity insurance is provided for all three categories of membership within the current annual membership fees.

Charges and Subscriptions

Current annual subscriptions are:

Associate Members:	£35.00
Student Practitioner Members:	£35.00
Full Members:	£50.00

The costs incurred in applying for membership are as follows:

1) Associate Members

Your completed application should be accompanied by a cheque for £65.00, made payable to ATH. This amount is made up of a non-returnable 'joining fee' of £30.00 and the annual subscription for Associate Members of £35.00. The 'joining fee' is to cover the necessary administrative and other costs involved in dealing with your application.

Should your application not be successful, the Associate Member's annual subscription will be returned to you.

2) Student Practitioner Members

Your completed application should be accompanied by a cheque for £65.00, made payable to ATH. This amount is made up of a non-returnable 'joining fee' of £30.00 and the annual subscription for Student Practitioner Members of £35.00. The 'joining fee' is to cover the necessary administrative and other costs involved in dealing with your application.

Should your application not be successful, the Associate Member's annual subscription will be returned to you.

2) Full Members

Your completed application should be accompanied by a cheque for £110.00*, made payable to ATH. In a similar manner to Associate Members, this is also made up of a £30.00 non-returnable 'joining fee' and the Full Members annual subscription of £50.00. In addition, there is a £30.00 fee that covers the cost of arranging and holding your Membership Panel.

Should your application not be acceptable upon its receipt, but you are eligible for Associate Membership, £45.00 will be returned to you.

**If you hold a Diploma or Certificate from an ATH accredited course, the payment on application is £80.00.*