

THE ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED COLON HYDROTHERAPISTS

MEMBERSHIP PROTOCOL

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

There are five categories of paying membership: Full, Licentiate, Friend, Student, and Overseas.

The conditions required for becoming a member of one of the categories and the benefit entitlements are set out below. In all cases the applicant shall be reasonably acceptable to the Executive Committee as being a fit and proper person to be a member.

- 1. FULL MEMBERSHIP** is open to those colon hydrotherapists who satisfy either Condition A or Condition B as set out below.

Condition A

Applicants hold the pre-requisites for training; have trained with an ARCH recognized school and hold a pass certificate¹;

Pre-requisites for training are:

The applicant shall either

- Be a fully qualified MD or a nurse (either currently registered or registered within the previous 5 years²); or
- Have taken a course of (or courses totalling) at least two years full-time or three years part-time duration in a substantial body-based therapy (or therapies), including in-depth anatomy and physiology, which shall have been successfully completed with a verifiable pass certificate(s) held and, in the event that this therapy does not (or these therapies do not) involve physical contact between the practitioner and the patient, the applicant shall have completed a recognised massage course³; **and**
- The applicant's practising premises shall reach prescribed standards upon inspection as set out in the ARCH Manual of Good Practice and Hygiene, except overseas where premises shall reach prescribed standards, but may not be inspected.

Condition B

A person shall be entitled to apply for Full Membership if that person satisfies condition a. or b. set out below.

- The applicant was in the past a Full Member of ARCH but whose membership has lapsed for more than one year.
- Colon Hydrotherapists who have been practising for 5 years or more in the UK and can demonstrate continued professional development in that time⁴; **and**

¹ Completion of a recognised course by itself does NOT confer automatic membership of the ARCH. The Membership Committee assesses all applications for membership.

² Registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council or equivalent overseas regulatory organisation as an adult (or general nurse) and not a Children, Learning disabilities, Mental disability or Specialist Community/public health Nurse unless it can be shown that the applicant has sufficient anatomy and physiology training.

³ Such as an ITEC or VCTC massage course or a massage course set by ARCH.

⁴ Applicants will need to meet ARCH's Core Elements for Colon Hydrotherapy Training and may need to evidence CPD/APL and map their training to its Core Syllabus.

- c. The applicants premises shall reach the prescribed standards upon inspection as set out in the ARCH Manual of Good Practice and Hygiene.

2. **LICENTIATE MEMBERSHIP** is open to those newly qualified colon hydrotherapists who may not have come from a health/CAM⁵ background and/or do not meet the criteria set out in Condition A of paragraph 1 above. Such members will have trained with an ARCH approved school and will be encouraged to continue further training to allow them to meet the required pre-requisites and after three years may be eligible to apply for Full Membership of the Association. The applicants premises shall reach the prescribed standards upon inspection as set out in the ARCH Manual of Good Practice and Hygiene.
3. **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** is open to those training in colon hydrotherapy with an ARCH recognised school. The maximum term for student membership is 12 months.
4. **OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP** is open to those colon hydrotherapists who have qualified from an ARCH recognised school or who have qualified during a period of such recognition, and who practice exclusively overseas (excluding the USA and Canada).
5. **FRIEND MEMBERSHIP** is open to those ARCH Colon Hydrotherapists who may have retired, may be taking a break, or those who simply have an interest in Colon Hydrotherapy and want to be kept informed and/or those who wish to maintain links with ARCH.

Where the Executive Committee feels that a person would be a suitable member the Executive Committee shall, in exceptional circumstances and in its reasonable discretion, have the power to grant membership to an applicant notwithstanding the fact that that applicant does not fully satisfy all of the relevant conditions.

6. **INSURANCE:**

All **Full** and **Licentiate** Members must carry full professional indemnity and public liability insurance at the ARCH recommended level which may be decided from time to time to remain a member.

Student Members must carry student professional indemnity and public liability insurance at the ARCH recommended level which may be decided from time to time to remain a member (n.b. the ARCH block insurance scheme offers student insurance). Students cannot charge a full fee for treatment, but can only cover incidentals. Upon completion of training they can apply to upgrade to full professional indemnity and public liability Insurance.

Overseas members must carry full professional indemnity insurance suited to the requirements of their country.

⁵ Healthcare backgrounds include: doctor, registered nurse, paramedic, midwife, physiotherapist and dietician, as well as some related fields such as radiography or pharmacy.

CAM backgrounds include: acupuncture, chiropractic, herbalism, homeopathy, nutritionist, naturopathy, osteopathy and certain massage therapies. This training would be equivalent to two years full time or three years part time in length, verifiable certification must be produced. If your previous therapy did not include physical contact then a short massage course will be required. In addition, you may need to study additional anatomy and physiology courses to meet the required standard before you commence your training.

7. MEMBERSHIP ENTITLEMENTS:

A **Full Member** shall be entitled to

- The use of the initials "M.A.R.C.H." (Member of the Association of Registered of Colon Hydrotherapists)
- ARCH Full Member validation certificate issued annually.
- Newly qualified members shall have access to a Mentor during the first year of practise
- May vote by post, email and attendance at the ARCH AGM.
- Circulation of membership referral list in response to media-generated enquiries.
- Professional representation of the therapy.
- Discounted Professional Indemnity Insurance block scheme facility
- ARCH multi-media publicity including social media platforms.
- Membership networking
- Materials, equipment and best practice updates.
- ARCH representation on Umbrella bodies.
- Entry on ARCH on-line directory as Full Member
- Access to ARCH organised training events and conferences
- Access to job opportunities

A **Licentiate Member** shall be entitled to

- The use of the initials "M.A.R.C.H. (Lic)" (Member of the Association of Registered of Colon Hydrotherapists –Licentiate Member).
- ARCH Membership validation certificate issued annually.
- Newly qualified members shall have access to a Mentor during the first year of practise
- May vote by post, email and attendance at the ARCH AGM.
- Circulation of membership referral list in response to media-generated enquiries.
- Professional representation of the therapy.
- Discounted Professional Indemnity Insurance block scheme facility
- ARCH multi-media publicity including social media platforms
- Membership networking
- Materials, equipment and best practice updates.
- ARCH representation on Umbrella bodies.
- Entry on ARCH on-line directory as Licentiate Member
- Access to ARCH organised training events and conferences
- Access to job opportunities

A **Student Member** shall be entitled to

- Reduced insurance premium under the ARCH block scheme (student facility) for a period of up to 12 months during training which can be transferred to full professional indemnity insurance upon qualification.
- Membership networking facility.
- Materials, equipment and best practice updates
- Non-voting attendance at the ARCH AGM
- Access to guidance from ARCH during the first year of practice
- Access to ARCH organised training events and conferences

An **Overseas Member** shall be entitled to

- The use of the initials "M.A.R.C.H." (Member of the Association of Registered of Colon Hydrotherapists)
- May vote by post, email and attendance at the ARCH AGM
- Access to guidance from ARCH during the first year of practise
- Inclusion on the on-line directory as Overseas Members in their respective country.
- ARCH multi-media advertisements and publicity.

- Membership networking facility
- Materials, equipment and best practice updates.
- Access to ARCH organised training events and conferences

A **Friend** (non-practising member) A Friend shall be entitled to

- Materials, equipment and best practice updates
- Non-voting attendance at the ARCH AGM
- Access to ARCH organised training events and conferences

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