



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 ARCH under each of the categories, and the individual membership benefit entitlements are set out below.

In all cases the applicant must be acceptable to the Executive Committee as being a fit and proper person to be a member.

FULL MEMBERSHIP is open to those Colon Hydrotherapists who:

- Have trained at an ARCH accredited School/College and passed the ARCH examinations as set out in the “All Schools...” document *

or

- were in the past a Full Member of ARCH but have let their membership lapse, and they can demonstrate a minimum of 30 CPD points in the 2 years before reapplying**

or

- have been practising continuously for 5 years or more in the UK and can demonstrate ongoing Continued Professional Development in that time ***

And

- The applicant’s practising premises have reached prescribed standards upon inspection as set out in the ARCH “Manual of Good Practice and Hygiene”

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

*** Applicants who have not practiced for more than five years maybe required to take part in a supervised practice with an ARCH member appointed to do so*

**** Applicants’ training must meet NOS and Core Elements for Colon Hydrotherapy Training, and they may be required to evidence CPD/APL to map their training.*

LICENTIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to those Colon Hydrotherapists who:

- Are newly (less than 5 years) qualified Colon Hydrotherapists who have NOT trained with an ARCH approved school*

And

- The applicant’s practising premises have reached prescribed standards upon inspection as set out in the ARCH “Manual of Good Practice and Hygiene”

Licentiate Members are eligible to apply for Full Membership of the Association after three years in continuous practice while maintaining their membership with ARCH.

**Applicants’ training must meet NOS and Core Elements for Colon Hydrotherapy Training. Licentiate member applicants whose training does not meet with the NOS will be required to take on further training to allow them to meet the required level as outlined in the ARCH Syllabus (Appendix 1 of the “All Schools” Document) before they can become Licentiate members*

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP is a requirement of those training in Colon Hydrotherapy with an ARCH recognised school. The maximum term for student membership is 12 months unless a special derogation is granted by the school and agreed with ARCH/EDCOM.

OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP is open to those Colon Hydrotherapists who have qualified from an ARCH recognised School/College and who practice exclusively overseas (excluding the USA and Canada).

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.

INSURANCE

- All **Full** and **Licentiate** Members must carry **full Professional Indemnity and Public Liability** insurance at the ARCH recommended level to remain a member
- **Student** Members must carry **full Student Professional Indemnity and Public Liability** insurance at the ARCH recommended level. Student membership and insurance are a requirement for anyone wishing to train within an ARCH accredited School/College*

**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

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 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 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 community
- 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 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) 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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