APA Membership Information and Fees

Ethos of the APA

The APA is a unifying professional association, guided by the principles of inclusion, transparency and accountability. The APA is committed to supporting all Ayurvedic professionals in the UK in an enabling manner, which means that membership is granted to those with adequate education and training in Ayurveda, and that those who fall short of required standards are helped and encouraged to upgrade their qualifications and skills

APA Statement of Purpose

- To represent Ayurveda, the Science of Life, as an independent and comprehensive traditional system of medicine

- To promote and protect the practice of authentic Ayurveda with a view to improving the health and well being of people in the UK and Europe

- To develop the profession, support all members and help to create, promote and protect global unity among Ayurvedic professionals

Benefits and Opportunities for APA Members

- Unite and network with other Ayurvedic practitioners
- Gain reduced-fee access to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes including seminars, conferences and workshops with eminent Ayurvedic practitioners from the UK and abroad
- Have your clinic details displayed in the referral directory of the APA website
- Acquire appropriate medical malpractice and liability insurance through the reduced-rate APA policy for practitioners and therapists
- Receive advice and guidance on safety, ethics and professional conduct issues
- Participate in the efforts to secure the future of Ayurveda by expressing your views to the UK government and policy makers via your APA representatives
- Stay informed about current legislation that impacts on Ayurveda in the UK and internationally
- Receive the APA Newsletter and stay up-to-date with current research in Ayurveda

APA Membership Categories

- Full membership
- Therapist membership
- Student membership

Membership Entrance Criteria

Full Membership is currently conferred on:

- Ayurvedic practitioners with a BAMS or equivalent Central Council for Indian Medicine (CCIM) and/or Sri Lanka Ayurveda Medical Council (SLAMC) approved degree. They must be proficient in English language

- practitioners who hold a BA (Hons.) degree in Ayurvedic Studies from TVU, a College of Ayurveda diploma (3 years) or an equivalent degree. In addition

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they must also have completed a minimum of 500 hours of supervised clinical training in an APA approved college or university hospital, or have already been practising Ayurvedic medicine for a minimum of 3 years

- practitioners who hold a PG Diploma or a Masters degree in Ayurveda from Middlesex University.

Therapist Membership is currently conferred on:

- Ayurvedic practitioners from abroad who are in the UK with a student visa, or equivalent short-term visa that is without work permit or with a work permit that only allows a limited number of hours of work per week
- Anyone resident in the UK who fulfills the APA Therapist entrance criteria available to download from the APA website.

Student Membership is currently conferred on:

- undergraduate students of UK validated Ayurveda degree/diploma courses

If you retain your membership, but stop practising for more than 3 years without having evidence of continuing professional development during this time, your eligibility for membership will be re-assessed.

Annual Membership Fees

The APA membership year begins in January. Fees are based on the above membership categories as follows:

Full member: £120. Payment can either be made in full by bank transfer or online via a secure link, which can be emailed to you. Full members joining for the first time later in the year pay a reduced fee in a sliding scale. Please contact the office for further details.

Therapist member: £85 (payment in full by bank transfer or online as above)

Student member: £35 (payment in full by bank transfer or online as above)

Friends member: £35 (payment in full by bank transfer or online as above)