

NEW AACP AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

AACP has introduced a range of additional membership categories to provide support to students, those who are temporarily unable to practise and for retired members who wish to maintain their contact with AACP. These affiliate membership categories give full access to the AACP website and the member discounts on publications, courses and conferences, but may not vote at the Annual General Meeting [AGM] of AACP.

Student

Subscription whilst on Foundation Course £20 by Direct Debit, £25 by cheque or card

Physiotherapists training to use Acupuncture are required to consolidate their learning between course parts and may need blood donor certificates. Students who work in private practice have limited, if any access to academic databases. In providing students with every opportunity to incorporate clinically reasoned, evidence based and integrated models into their practice we aim to continue to encourage and support the process of raising educational standards.

All students signing up to an AACP Foundation course are eligible to join this category; however AACP student membership is not compulsory.

Student membership status will be granted for the period of the Foundation course and Student Members will be issued with an AACP membership number allowing them access to the members' area of the AACP website. They will also receive blood donor certificates that may be used as long as they remain a member of AACP and copies of the Journal of the Acupuncture Association of Chartered Physiotherapists.

Once the student has received a pass notification for the Foundation Course and providing they join AACP as a full member immediately after successfully completing the Foundation Course, the Student membership fee paid would be offset from the full joining fee of £60 and membership status will be uplifted to Accredited. The annual renewal subscription fee will then depend on the method of renewal selected and will be due on the anniversary of joining as a Student member.

Student membership may not be extended once the Foundation Course is complete and may not be renewed.

Non-Practising [Accredited or Advanced]

Subscription £40 by cheque/card or £35 by direct debit

At the point of their annual renewal, Accredited and Advanced members can request to have their membership renewed at Non-Practising level if they are taking a break from work due to:

- Ill Health
- Maternity leave
- Carer responsibilities
- Travelling Overseas
- Between professional appointments
- Extenuating personal circumstances affecting ability to practise

Applications for membership at this level will be given consideration on merit and if approved, granted for one year only on condition that the form "Request for Change in Membership Status" at Appendix 1 is fully completed and submitted with the renewal form within 1 month of the date that renewal is due. Applications will be considered in strictest confidence by the AACP Business Manager, with referral to the AACP Board only if the Business Manager needs to consult. Members will be contacted within 5 working days.

If members disagree with the Business Manager's decision, they may request that their application be given consideration by the AACP Board. The Board decision will be final.

Non-Practising renewals will retain their access to the members' area of the AACP website, member discounts on training courses, CPD events and conference attendance and receive copies of the JAACP.

After the one-year period of Non-Practising membership, full membership status must be reinstated in order to remain registered.

Retired

Subscription £25 by cheque/card or £20 by direct debit

Many retired practitioners welcome the ongoing involvement in a profession to which they have dedicated much of their life. Access to the Journal and academic databases, along with discounts for AACP events would act as an expression of gratitude for the support the members have shown AACP whilst they were working.

This membership category is only available to existing members who have decided to retire completely from the profession. At the point at which their membership is renewed they may request renewal in the Retired category for the remainder of their current membership. They would retain their AACP membership number, allowing them access to the member area of the AACP website and they would also receive copies of the JAACP along with member discounts on CPD events and conference attendance.

AACP has also introduced Gift Subscriptions.

Gift Subscriptions

Subscription £15

Anyone wishing to purchase a gift subscription of the JAACP may do so and the gift recipient will receive 2 copies of the Journal per annum.

Gift Membership will not entitle the purchaser or gift recipient to member discounts on training courses, CPD events or conference attendance; nor will the purchaser or gift recipient receive access to the member area of the AACP website.

If you have any queries on anything contained within this document or would like to speak to the AACP, please contact the office on 01733 390007 or 01733 390012.

Appendix 1

Request for Change in AACP Membership Status

Please use this form as an appendix to your membership renewal form. It should only be submitted as a request to amend your current membership status and should be read in conjunction with the guidance entitled AACP Membership Categories available on the AACP website at www.aacp.uk.com or by request from the AACP office.

Full Name		AACP Number	
Full Correspondence Address			
Email address			Telephone No

Current Membership Status	Student	Accredited	Advanced
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Renewal Membership Status [From renewal date]	Accredited Non-Practising	Advanced Non-Practising	Retired
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>For 1 year only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>For 1 year only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>For life of current membership</i>

Reasons for wanting to renew with a different membership status
[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary].

***[NB – you may be asked for evidence of your change of circumstances.
All requests and associated information will be treated in strictest confidence]***

I have read and understand the terms under which my request will be considered:

Signed:

Date: