



# IMTA Membership Application Requirements

## **To become a FULL MEMBER, you will need the following**

- Scanned copies of your qualification certificates, all to be in English.
- Foreign/International Qualifications need to be translated copies and have to be verified.
- For all courses outside of Ireland and unrecognised institutes we require the following sourced from the institution you qualified from;
  - (1.) Module descriptors
  - (2.) Specific Learning Outcomes (SLO's).
  - (3.) Name of Qualifying bodies or Awarding bodies.
- For all qualifications from outside of Ireland we require a NARIC document to demonstrate alignment with the Irish education framework, QQI.
- Professional insurance documentation
- GDPR Privacy Policy statement.
- Completed HSA Risk Assessment and Safety Statement (recommended only)

## **To become a STUDENT MEMBER, you need the following**

- A signed letter by your tutor from the college on headed- paper-confirming enrolment in the related bodywork therapy course. (Courses will need to be aligned with the awarding bodies recognised by the IMTA.)
- Complete student application form.

## **Requirements for Inactive Membership**

- Qualified therapists who are not practicing at present can remain as inactive members of the IMTA for information and education.
- Inactive Members must have been a Full Member previously to be eligible for this membership level.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. Which Awarding bodies are recognised and which courses qualify for membership?

- UK Awarding Bodies such as **ITEC, CIBTAC, CIDESCO, City & Guilds and VTCT** will need to have their specific full qualification aligned to the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at appropriate levels, as well as their Qualification QAN number, For Example;
  - iCT3D8 - VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Holistic Massage 603/4097/6
  - iSP3D32 - VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage 603/4501/9
- Academic **MSc, BSc's** attained in Ireland must be in related areas to Bodywork therapy, proven by Transcripts **are required**.
- **QQI** validated courses must also be in related areas to Bodywork Therapies proven by Transcripts from the relevant college.

## 2. What if my course/ qualification is not listed?

**Graduates from unknown** training programmes (national or international) must meet the IMTA minimum standards and provide supporting documents sourced from the college (Modula descriptors and SLO's). Additional documents needed from international courses may be requested. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all relevant documentation.

## 3. What if the course I did was not in Ireland?

If the **Qualification is obtained outside of Ireland** a Comparability Statement from NARIC is needed showing where the course aligns to the Irish NFQ

**4. I am already a member of another professional association, does that automatically mean I can become a member?**

Proof of membership of another professional bodies or state licence where such licences exist is also needed but **does not** guarantee automatic membership of the IMTA

**5. I did a correspondence course online without any Hands on experience, does this qualify me to become a member?**

Qualifications gained as a result of correspondence courses will **not** be deemed as adequate for membership approval.

**6. Continuous Professional Development requirements.**

Exempt for 2022.