
IATE Membership FAQ

1. What is the purpose of IATE membership?

Membership in IATE serves several important purposes:

Protection for Graduates and Clients

The primary aim of IATE membership is to establish a protective framework for both our graduates and their clients. By becoming a member, you commit to practicing within the guidelines outlined in our standards of practice. This ensures the safeguarding of your interests as well as the interests of your clients.

Handling Complaints

In the event of any complaints filed against you, IATE takes on the responsibility of managing these issues on your behalf. We utilise resources such as the IATE Ethics Committee and engage relevant external experts like psychiatrists and lawyers to thoroughly assess your case, ensuring fairness and due process.

Support and Guidance

Membership offers you a continued connection to your training organisation. This link allows us to extend ongoing support and guidance, assisting you as you work towards achieving professional registration and beyond.

2. What is JoinIt?

In December 2022 we moved our membership to a dedicated management software called [JoinIt](#). JoinIt gives members simple access & direct control over their membership.

As part of the switch, we are no longer taking payment by Direct Debit, so all members will need to update their payment details.

At renewal, you will be asked to give your email address and create a password to access your account. You will then be able to view, amend, renew your membership. You can also update your payment method.

3. Are there any other benefits?

Membership of IATE also entitles you to the following additional benefits:

- Inclusion on IATE's approved therapist lists (subject to [application approval](#))
- Writing references for job applications
- Processing DBS applications
- Half-price [webinars with Trauma Informed Schools UK](#)
- Discounts on [CCMH training days & conferences](#)
- Use of the library by appointment

- Five-yearly UKCP reaccreditation

4. Is IATE membership compulsory?

After graduation, it is mandatory to maintain membership while you progress towards Full Clinical UKCP membership. When applying for UKCP membership, you are required to demonstrate this ongoing membership as part of your application process.

5. Once I have my UKCP membership, do I still need IATE membership?

Upon registering with the UKCP, IATE membership is no longer mandatory, allowing you the freedom to assess its benefits based on your needs. However, it's important to note that all UKCP members must maintain membership with their training organisation or be a UKCP Direct Member (see item 6 below).

We strongly advise you to continue your IATE membership to receive essential support, which includes assistance in managing your affiliation with the UKCP and overseeing your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

6. What is UKCP Direct Membership?

The UKCP allows members who have been on the Register for at least one year and that are in good standing to renew their registration directly with UKCP without belonging to an organisational member.

To transfer to direct membership, you must:

- have been a full clinical member of UKCP for at least one year via IATE.
- remain an IATE member until the direct membership transfer is complete.
- not be due for re-accreditation in the same year of applying for direct membership.
- be in good standing with IATE.
- meet all the current standards.
- have no outstanding complaints.
- pay the £30 administration charge.

For full details on direct membership, contact membership@ukcp.org.uk.

7. I don't plan to apply for UKCP membership. Do I need to take up IATE membership?

No, you don't. Once you have your award from IATE, if you are not planning to work towards UKCP membership, you do not need to take up IATE membership.

8. I don't know if I want to apply for UKCP membership. Should I take up IATE membership?

If you are unsure about applying for UKCP membership, it is advisable to join IATE. If you later choose to pursue UKCP membership and have not maintained continuous IATE membership, you will need to pay for the missed years of membership retroactively.

9. Does having IATE membership mean I am also a member of the UKCP (or vice versa)?

IATE and UKCP memberships operate independently; being a member of one organisation does not grant automatic membership in the other.

To apply for UKCP membership, it's essential to maintain uninterrupted IATE membership from graduation onwards. Additionally, UKCP members are required to consistently hold membership with either their training institution or their specific UKCP college via [Direct Membership](#).

10. Does having IATE membership mean I automatically have an entry on the online therapist database?

Inclusion on the online therapist database is not automatic, and you will need to apply separately to advertise there.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR INCLUSION ON THE IATE THERAPIST DATABASE](#)

11. When can I provide therapy for current IATE students?

To provide therapy to IATE students, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a registration appropriate to the course therapy requirements.
- Be trained to work with adults.
- Have a minimum of three years of post-graduation experience.
- Must not be a teacher or marker for any IATE course.

12. Can I pause my IATE membership?

As you work towards receiving your qualification or membership of the UKCP, you will need to hold unbroken membership of IATE. However, in exceptional circumstances, IATE will permit you to pause your membership. Please get in touch with the membership team for further details on pausing membership.

13. What is the process for re-starting membership after a period out?

If you choose to temporarily suspend your membership and wish to reinstate it later, you'll be required to go through an application and interview process. During this process, you must explain the reasons for resuming your membership. Additionally, you'll need to confirm that there are no ongoing complaints against you or any imminent complaints.

It's important to highlight that if you are in the process of working towards UKCP registration and you've paused your membership, if you have not held UKCP full clinical membership, you'll be need pay for the intervening years of membership when you decide to resume.

Here are the steps you will need to take:

1. Visit the [IATE Membership Area](#) and set up your annual payment to reactivate your membership.
2. Complete the [re-registration form here](#). Answer the questions related to your entire period of absence from IATE membership.
3. After submission, we'll carefully review your information to ensure it aligns with both IATE and UKCP guidelines.
4. If there are any areas where you don't meet the standards, we'll contact you with specific steps to reinstate your membership.

14. How do I pay for my membership?

From the 2023 membership renewal, all payments must be made by Credit or Debit card through JoinIt. When you renew, you will need to give your card details. You then have the option of setting payment as a one-off or as an automatic recurring payment.

15. Can I pay in instalments?

You will need to pay the membership fee in a single instalment for each year. We do not accept part payment.

However, we understand that it may be difficult for some people to pay the fee in full by the deadline. If this is the case, please get in touch, and we will see if there is another payment arrangement, we can make based on your circumstances.

16. I have paid my membership fee. Why haven't I received a membership certificate?

As of January 2023, we no longer send out membership certificates as standard. Once your membership has been finalised, you can get an online membership card in the [Membership Area](#).

If, however, you want certificate to print, we'll be glad to send you one. Please email membership@iate.uk to request one.

17. I paid/completed my membership midway through the year. Why is my renewal still in December?

Trainee members working towards UKCP must have unbroken membership of IATE. Membership is therefore considered to run over the course of a calendar year, irrespective of when you pay for or complete your membership paperwork.

18. What is Staff Membership/Who is eligible for Staff Membership?

Some Graduate Members that teach at IATE are eligible to receive annual membership for free. To qualify for free membership, you must have completed at least 40 hours of teaching (not including marking) in the previous calendar year.

19. What safeguarding training do I need?

As of January 2024, all renewals must be accompanied by proof of annual level 2 safeguarding training. This training can be online and will need to align with your client group. You can find many options by Googling "Leve 2 safeguarding training online".