

Membership Information

Introduction

The Association of Hypnotherapy & Stress Management was incorporated as a Limited Company on 7th October 2016, succeeding *The Society of Stress Managers*, which was originally incorporated on 4th February 1999. Membership of *The Association* is open to all therapists who practise hypnotherapy and/or stress management.

Objects

The Objects of the *Association* are:

- *to establish and promote a professional association for those persons qualified to nationally accredited standards in hypnotherapy and/or stress management;*
- *to promote the continuing professional development and vocational training of those persons;*
- *to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these Objects.*

Membership

The Membership Grades of the *Association* are:

1. LICENTIATE (LAHSM): Open to those who *are following* a programme of academic and vocational training in hypnotherapy and/or stress management leading to a qualification recognised in terms of hours of study, curriculum and national occupational standards by the *Association* and the *Complementary & National Health Care Council*.

2. MEMBER (MAHSM): Open to those who *have completed* a programme of academic and vocational training in hypnotherapy and/or stress management leading to a qualification recognised in terms of hours of study, curriculum and national occupational standards by the *Association* and the *Complementary & National Health Care Council*.

3. FELLOW MEMBER (FASHM): Open to those who *have completed* a programme of academic and vocational training in hypnotherapy and/or stress management leading to a qualification recognised in terms of hours of study, curriculum and national occupational standards by the *Association* and the *Complementary & National Health Care Council*, and who - in addition - have followed a recognized programme of continuing professional development and vocational training.

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Membership Fees

The Membership Fees of the *Association* include a *Registration Fee* and an *Annual Subscription*. The initial Registration Fee is £25.00 and the Annual Subscription is £180.00, due on 1st. April each year and payable either as an annual sum by bank transfer or cheque, or by a monthly standing order mandate of £15.00.

However, following payment of the Registration Fee and initial acceptance for membership, there are three months of *free* membership, with the first payment payable after three months either by cheque or bank transfer, or by monthly standing order mandate, dated three months ahead. (*Please see the Membership Application Form and Standing Order Mandate below*).

Free Licentiate (Student) Membership is available for one year to those following an initial course of training as therapists in hypnotherapy and/or stress management at an accredited hypnotherapy training school. This will be followed by a second year's membership at a *reduced* rate of £10.00 a month. A Registration Fee of £25.00 is payable at the beginning of this process when first accepted for Licentiate (Student) Membership, as a commitment to become a Full Member of the Association after the two year period.

PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE

It is a condition of Association membership that all members are fully covered by professional insurance. (*Please see the insurance advice and information set out below*).

CONTACT

All enquiries about membership of the *Association* should be addressed to the **Membership Secretary** at the address below, and to whom all application forms should be returned either by post or by email:

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PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE COVER

It is a strict condition of membership of the *Association* that each individual member is fully insured, having in place an insurance policy with cover of at least £2 million, but preferably £5 million. Such an insurance policy should cover any *civil liability* likely to fall on a member, including *professional indemnity, public liability, product liability, libel and slander*.

However, as a result of Regulations issued by the *Financial Services Authority* under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the *Association* may not recommend any individual insurance company, nor advise on any particular insurance policy. It is now the responsibility of individual members to satisfy themselves through their insurance broker that any insurance they purchase is adequate for their particular practice. (For further please information visit the website at <http://www.fsa.gov.uk>).

Moreover, every member who works from home should be aware that not all domestic policies for buildings and contents necessarily provide cover for such home working. Members are advised to check any existing domestic policy very carefully.

The following insurance brokers, among others, are able to offer advice and information on insurance matters: *Howden Professionals*, 1200 Century Way, Thorpe Park Business Park, Colton, Leeds, LS15 8ZA (Tel: 0113 - 251 5011); *Towergate SMG Professional Risks*, 31 Clarendon Road, Leeds, LS2 9PA (Tel: 0113 - 294 4000); *Medical Auxiliary Insurance Brokers*, 10 St Mary's Place, Bury, Lancashire, BL9 0DZ (Tel: 0161 – 797 2525); *Holistic Insurance Services*, 181A Watling Street West, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 6BX (Tel: 01327 354 249).

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Dear Membership Secretary,

I wish to apply for membership of *The Association of Hypnotherapy & Stress Management*. Please find enclosed a *cheque* for my initial registration fee of £25.00, made payable to *The Society of Stress Managers*. Alternatively, payment may be made by *Bank Transfer* to the Account of *The Society of Stress Managers* at HSBC Bank plc, Islington Branch, 25 Islington High Street, London, N1 9LJ (Sort Code 40-03-33, Account Number 11239597)

I understand from the **Membership Regulations** that membership of the *Association* is in the following **Grades**:

1. LICENTIATE (LAHSM): Open to those who *are following* a programme of academic and vocational training in hypnotherapy and/or stress management leading to a qualification recognised in terms of hours of study, curriculum and national occupational standards by the *AHSM* and the *CNHC*

2. MEMBER (MAHSM): Open to those who *have completed* a programme of academic and vocational training in hypnotherapy and/or stress management leading to a qualification recognised in terms of hours of study, curriculum and national occupational standards by the *AHSM* and the *CNHC*

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I believe that my membership grade would be **LICENTIATE/MEMBER/FELLOW MEMBER**. (*Please delete as appropriate*). I enclose my diplomas, certificates and/or documentary evidence to support my membership application.

Name: **Date:**

Address:

..... **Post Code:**

Telephone: **Email:**

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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Instruction to your Bank/Building Society to pay by Standing Order

1. Name of Account Holder:

2. Sort Code:

3. Account Number:

The Name of the Account Holder, as above, must be quoted as Beneficiary's Reference.

To the Manager:

..... Bank/Building Society
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Post Code

Please pay from my Account, as above, to the Account of *The Society of Stress Managers* at HSBC Bank plc, Islington Branch, 25 Islington High Street, London, N1 9LJ (Sort Code 40-03-33, Account Number 11239597) the sum of £15.00 on or after 1 April 2017, and at monthly intervals thereafter, or until cancelled by me in writing.

Signed: Date:

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