

AHSM Membership Information

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Introduction

The Association of Hypnotherapy & Stress Management was incorporated as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee without Share Capital 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, or who are intending to practise, hypnotherapy and/or stress management.

Objectives

The Objectives 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 raise public awareness of the specialist role of **Hypnotherapists in Stress Management**;*
- *to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these Objectives.*

Membership

The Membership Grades of the *Association* are:

1. LICENTIATE (LAHSM): Open to those who *are following or who have completed, but not yet met the additional criteria needed for a higher Membership Grade*, 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 & Natural Health Care Council*.

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

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3. FELLOW MEMBER (FAHSM): Open to those who *have met further additional criteria and completed* a programme of academic and vocational training in hypnotherapy and/or stress management which has led to a qualification recognised in terms of hours of study, curriculum and national occupational standards by the *Association* and the *Complementary & Natural Health Care Council.*, and who - in addition - have followed a recognised programme of continuing professional development and vocational training.

Membership Fees

The Annual Subscription is £84.00, due on 1st April each year and payable either as an annual sum by bank transfer or cheque made payable to the Association of Hypnotherapy & Stress Management and sent to the Membership Secretary at the address below or by a monthly standing order mandate of £7.00, which must be paid up to 31st March each year.

Licentiates in their first year of training will pay a single annual fee of £25.00 in full by bank transfer or cheque (payable as above) to cover their *Association Membership* for that training year. The membership fee will then change to the normal Annual Subscription as stated above.

(Please see the Membership Application Form and Standing Order Mandate below).

PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE

It is a condition of Association membership that all practising 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 at the foot of this page 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 practising 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 information, please 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); *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*.

Annual payment, when accepted for *Association Membership*, may be made by *Bank Transfer* to the Account of *The Association of Hypnotherapy & Stress Management* at HSBC Bank plc, Islington Branch, 25 Islington High Street, London, N1 9LJ (Sort Code 40-03-33, Account Number 11239597), by *Cheque* made payable to *The Association of Hypnotherapy & Stress Management* posted to the Membership Secretary at the address below, or by *Monthly Standing Order* (See the Standing Order Mandate below).

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

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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:** **Website:**.....

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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 Association of Hypnotherapy & Stress Management* at HSBC Bank plc, Islington Branch, 25 Islington High Street, London, N1 9LJ (Sort Code 40-03-33, Account Number 11239597) the sum of £7.00 on or after 1 April 2019, and at monthly intervals thereafter, or until cancelled by me in writing after 31st March of that subscription year.

Signed: **Date:**

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