

ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION GUIDANCE AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Association of Educational Psychologists is the only professional association for educational psychologists who are employed in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

In matters of dispute under all relevant legislation, this is the professional association which acts for educational psychologists. The Association represents educational psychologists directly, in England and Wales, on the Soulbury Committee which negotiates salary and conditions of service. It also offers advice and direct assistance to members who have difficulties connected with conditions of service or salary. Since 1973 the Association has adopted a comprehensive Code of Professional Practice.

The Association maintains contact with the Department for Education and Skills on matters like training and supply and demand for educational psychologists. In addition, the Association is invited to submit the views of educational psychologists to House of Commons Committees and to Departmental Working Parties. National bodies such as the National Children's Bureau also canvass our opinion on a variety of topics. All members of the Association are invited to contribute their observations to inform Association comments in such circumstances. Copies of the written evidence which is then prepared are subsequently circulated to members.

Regular dispatches to members are an important element in the information services available to members. In addition to the general circulation of written evidence already mentioned, members receive frequent circulars with information on a wide range of employment and professional matters. An Appointments Broadsheet showing vacancies for posts for educational psychologists throughout the United Kingdom is circulated weekly to members, free of charge. This is a service for members only.

Members receive the Journal of the Association "Educational Psychology in Practice" four times a year, free of charge. This publishes papers primarily for information and in addition articles intended to provoke discussion on topics of professional interest. Short courses are arranged annually. They have been concerned with such topics as "Current concepts of Intelligence", "Social Deprivation and Educational Compensation", "The Pre-School Child" and "Maladjustment" as well as with matters of professional organisation like "Collaboration Beyond the Education Service" and the implications of recent legislation for psychological services. The Association maintains regular communication with the British Psychological Society including contact with the Division of Education and Child Psychology. The Association is an affiliate organisation of the TUC and the benefits and services of TUC affiliation are available to AEP members.

All full members of this Association are entitled to free legal advice and support in professional matters.

Please read these notes before completing the form

The numbered points below correspond to those on the application form

1. Please give name(s) in full and title. The name you supply will be used on your membership card, therefore please state the name you prefer to be known by.
2. Please give your date of birth.
- 3 & 4 Please give your full home and work addresses including postcodes and a day time telephone number. Please indicate which address is to be used for correspondence. All mail will be sent to the address you indicate. Whilst in membership, please inform us of any change of address as soon as possible.
5. Please state your nationality
6. **Full** membership is open to fully qualified educational psychologists employed as such by local education authorities or working as educational psychologists independently. Fully qualified is defined as holding the Graduate Basis for Registration (GBR) of the British Psychological Society (BPS) (or accepted equivalent) and, in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. From November 1st 2009 educational psychologists must be eligible for registration with the Health Professionals Council (HPC)

Trainee membership: trainees following approved courses of post graduate training as educational psychologists accredited for this purpose by the British Psychological Society may be considered. Such membership will be for the normal period of the duration of the training course involved.

Affiliate membership is available for qualified educational psychologists who are not working or are employed in work other than as an Educational Psychologist.

IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE WHILST IN MEMBERSHIP PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. Honours degree in psychology conferring the Graduate Basis for Registration (GBR) of the British Psychological Society (BPS) (or accepted equivalent)
- 8.a&b Is the qualification referred to in question 7 acceptable to the British Psychological Society as having the graduate basis for registration as a Chartered Psychologist. Please check with course tutor if you are unsure. Please state if you are already registered as a Chartered Psychologist.
9. This must be a qualification recognised by the DfES. Please give the date of award of Qualified Teacher Status.
10. This must be qualified classroom teaching experience in the 0-19 age range i.e. experience gained after the award of Qualified Teacher Status.
11. Post-graduate study as an educational psychologist at a recognised university or institution. If this degree has already been awarded **please forward a copy of your certificate** with your application form. Full membership cannot be conferred without written confirmation of the award.
12. Please list all previous employment, dates employed and **current employment details**. Please indicate if working as an educational psychologist in private practice. Further information about the duties being undertaken may be required by the Executive Committee. If your employment circumstances change whilst in membership e.g. hours of work, new employer, please advise us as soon as possible.
13. Please state if your salary is on the Soulbury scale (it is not necessary to give the point) but if your salary is not on the Soulbury scale please give details.
14. If you have previously been a member of the AEP please give dates, or approximate dates, of past membership.
15. Please sign and date the form.
16. Membership runs from January to December. Subscriptions are payable on a pro-rata basis.

FULL annual membership - **£165.00**

TRAINEE annual membership - **£84.00**

The trainee fee is payable at the start of professional training and covers the period until 31 December 2008.

AFFILIATE annual membership - **£108.00**

Members admitted into Association membership part way through the membership year, either as full or affiliate members, will pay a reduced subscription for that year, proportionate to the number of whole or partially completed months remaining in that year.

Subscription payments are allowed as an essential professional expense for income tax purposes. Receipts will be issued on request if members wish to claim reimbursement from employers. Payment is by cheque payable to the 'Association of Educational Psychologists' or by direct debit annually or monthly. PLEASE NOTE: Subscription payments are non-refundable.

Please return the completed application form to
AEP General Office, 4 The Riverside Centre Frankland Lane Durham DH1 5TA.
If you have any queries about the form please telephone **0191-384 9512.**