



## Eligibility for Membership

The Irish Society of Homeopaths (ISH) provides the following guidelines for Homeopaths wishing to join as either a qualified or registered member. We wish to make it clear that inclusion whether as a qualified or registered member does not give that member permission to work in the Irish State, should they require a work permit.

In order for an application to be processed the applicant must be resident within the EU and declare they have no Criminal Record in any State.

### **Strand One: Route for candidates from an ISH Accredited Course**

Candidates who have graduated from an ISH accredited course are eligible to enter the CPD route to Registration immediately on:

- Successful graduation from a course at a college accredited by the ISH
- Submission of their Certificate/Diploma/Licence

OR

Candidates who have graduated from accredited schools prior to their course accreditation, or from colleges associated with ISH and working towards accreditation, are eligible for Qualified Membership. They are also eligible to enter the CPD route to registration after being qualified members for one year on:

- Successful graduation of a course from one of the colleges defined above;
- Submission of their Certificate/Diploma/Licence;
- Completion of 1 year of Supervision and Mentorship with ISH Approved Supervisors and Mentors (as outlined in Strand 2 below) in order to establish competence.

### **Strand Two: Route for candidates from courses not accredited by the ISH**

Candidates who have graduated from non ISH accredited/recognised courses will be accepted for qualified membership on submission of :

- A Certificate of Qualification from a Course of a minimum duration of 4 years part-time or 3 years full-time with Homeopathy as the major subject of which the taught contact element must be at least 70%.
- The Course Prospectus referring to the above.

- An affidavit from their college stating that they have studied there, subjects studied and the length of time they studied.
- Proof of Identity I.e. Passport.
- A valid Insurance Certificate to practice in Ireland.
- 2 References of which at least one should be from an Irish National.
- Details of disciplinary action taken against them, if any.

Candidates who are unable to furnish the above criteria are not eligible for qualified membership. They may be referred to a School deemed suitable by ISH in order to ascertain competence.

If the course provider deems the candidate sufficiently competent then the transitional arrangements below will apply. Otherwise the candidate will be required to complete a course of further study to attain competence. For candidates who fulfil the above criteria (2) the following ISH transitional arrangements will apply:

- The Candidate will need to make contact with an ISH Mentor and Supervisor. The role of the Mentor will be to guide the candidate towards the practice of Homeopathy in Ireland (if they are unfamiliar with the culture and legislation) and then towards becoming registered via the CPD route. The role of the supervisor will be to provide both professional and case supervision, with a view to proving their competence in writing as part of their registration.
- The candidate will initially meet with supervisor/mentor to outline the parameters of the process. This meeting will also serve as proof of identity of the candidate, i.e. they will show a current form of ID.
- There will be a maximum of 6 sessions with the supervisor for cases and professional supervision.
- The candidate will present 3 cases plus follow-ups to demonstrate their competence in the practice of homeopathy to ISH standards.

### **Strand Three: Route for candidates from other countries who have been practicing and are registered with a homeopathic registering body that is a member of the ECCH or ICH**

The applicant applies for Qualified Membership submitting documents outlined in Strand Two above. In addition to the documentation set forth in 2 above they will submit written proof that they are registered with an overseas homeopathic registering body that is a member of the ECCH or ICH.

The candidate will then attend an interview with a member of the Registration Board of the ISH. Once all documentation is in place and the successful completion of the interview, they will proceed with the ISH Registration Process (Strand 1). They will complete a further 3 sessions of supervision/mentoring with an assigned supervisor (rather than 4) as the initial interview will count as one of their required sessions.

In all matters relating to eligibility for membership, the decisions of the Registration Board of the ISH are final.

The Registrar  
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