



INTERNATIONAL
ORTHOPTIC
ASSOCIATION

Application Form for Full or Associate Membership - Open to National Orthoptic Associations -

Representatives of National Orthoptic Associations seeking membership of the International Orthoptic Association (IOA) with a seat or observer status on the Council of Management are requested to complete this form.

All questions should be answered in English and must be typed.

1. Date form completed:
2. Name of country:
3. Exact name of your National Association:
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4. Year of formation of your association:
5. Number of current members?
6. Name, address, telephone, fax number and email of your present chairperson:
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7. Name, address, telephone/fax number and email of the orthoptist who will be corresponding with the I.O.A.
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8. What categories of membership are there in your association?

- full
- associate
- honorary
- student
- other (please specify):.....

What are the requirements for each membership type in your association (ie associate is open to ophthalmologists exclusively etc)

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What voting rights are held membership in your association (ie full membership have full voting privileges etc)

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9. State briefly the objectives of your association:

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10. Please provide your associations mailing and web address:

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11. Does your association have a constitution (if yes please provide a copy)

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12. Does your association provide a process for nomination and elections of association officers?

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13. Does your association hold an annual general meeting for its members (please provide a copy of the minutes)

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14. Does your association provide scientific meetings for your association (please provide details)

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15. Please state who your association officers/executive are and their terms of office (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary etc)

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16. Where can an orthoptist work in your country?

(In hospitals, private practices, rehabilitation centres, vision screening, independently, others)

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17. Is there more than one organisation representing orthoptists in your country?

Yes - Please explain the arrangements (e.g. geographical, state, provincial etc.):

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No

18. Is the orthoptic profession officially recognised in your country?

Yes - Do orthoptists enjoy the privileges of State Registration?

Yes

No - How is the orthoptic profession recognised/governed in your country?

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No

19. Is there a national qualifying examination, which permits orthoptists to practice?

Yes - Name of qualification:

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- Name of certificate/diploma/degree/licence:
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➔ **PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF A TYPICAL CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA / DEGREE.**

No - How are orthoptists selected to perform their duties?
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20. Can orthoptics be practiced in your country without passing a qualifying examination?

Yes No

21. Is there more than one qualification, which permits orthoptists to practice?

Yes - Please state the names of the other qualifications that are acceptable:
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No

22. What qualifications are required to work as an orthoptist in your country? (please provide any web links to bodies who register, licence or certify your profession)

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23. Is there a recognised orthoptics education program in your country?

Yes **CONTINUE**

- Recognised by whom?
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- Is this a national program of are there regional or individual programs as well?
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- How many schools/universities are currently educating orthoptic students?
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- How many students are there currently enrolled in your country?

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Go to the end

24. What level of education is required to study orthoptics?

Level of education:

- Is this equivalent to university entrance standards?

Yes No

- Is this equivalent to nursing school entrance standards?

Yes - What level of nursing education? Is it higher or lower?

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No

- Is this equivalent to other professions allied health professions?

Yes No

25. Does a national syllabus exist?

Yes - Who is responsible for developing and approving the national syllabus?

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No

→ PLEASE SUPPLY AN UP TO DATE SYLLABUS (OR COPY) AND A SUMMARY IN ENGLISH.

26. How is the syllabus implemented?

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27. Is the education of orthoptics organised as:

A university course

○ Undergraduate (BA-BSc)

○ Graduate (Master, PhD)

A school/ academy

An apprenticeship

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28. What is the duration of orthoptic education?

- Please give a description of the typical schedule (years, hours, full-time or part-time, holidays)

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- How many theoretical lessons / lectures are give?

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- How is clinical instruction given?

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- If the number of theoretical and clinical lessons / lectures are different from one school to another, please state how:
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29. Do the clinical lessons include supervised practical work?

- Yes - Under whose supervision is the practical work undertaken?
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- No

30. Are there examinations?

Explain the details of the examinations: oral / written, how many, in which subjects, theoretical/ practical, at what stages in the education, etc.

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31. Describe the practical/oral examinations, if any are held.

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32. Is your national association prepared to send a representative to attend the I.O.A.-council, which meets each year?

- Yes **YOU CAN APPLY FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP**
- No **YOU CAN ONLY APPLY FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Date:
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Signature of the National Chairman:
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Enclosures:

- Copy of certificate / diploma / degree / licence
- Syllabus (or copy) and English Summary

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO:

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