LCSP REGISTER
of Remedial Masseurs and Manipulative Therapists

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We are pleased to provide you with information about the LCSP Register of Remedial Masseurs and Manipulative Therapists and to invite you, if eligible, to take up membership of one of its categories.

The LCSP Register is governed by its own Council of Officers and company law, and is probably the oldest and one of the most respected independent professional bodies representing these therapies. The LCSP Register pledges its support and services to the private practitioner, and the development of the profession.

Advantages of membership are wide reaching. Members are kept in constant touch with the work and activities of the organisation through the Internet and the publication of a quarterly newsletter. A Directory of practitioner-members is published annually and copies are available on request. The Directory is also published on the Internet as part of the Register's website. There are regular courses for continuing professional development (C.P.D.). Practitioner members have to be insured in respect of any claims arising in respect of professional indemnity (malpractice) and public liability through a Master Policy held by the LCSP Register or a comparable policy.

Membership of the LCSP Register provides you with the opportunity to become part of a first-class professional organisation, governed by very capable and qualified practitioners who are dedicated to improving the standards and status of the professions it represents and of the therapists who practise those professions.

Every application for membership will receive careful consideration.

OFFICIALS, COUNCIL MEMBERS and FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS.

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Officials:

Finance Officer: Mr D V Johnson

FELLOWSHIP: The Register is conferred upon members who have given distinguished service to the Register and profession, and no more than two Fellowships may be conferred in any single year. Thus, Fellowship is highly regarded by those to whom it is awarded. There are currently nineteen U.K. Fellow members.

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INTRODUCTION

Throughout its long history, the LCSP Register of Remedial Masseurs and Manipulative Therapists (*) has been concerned with the profession of massage and allied therapies and the Register exists to further the professional status and to serve the interests of practitioners engaged in such therapies, particularly those in private practice.

Accepting as the criterion for membership of the LCSP Register, is the therapeutic application of massage in one or other of its forms, all applicants for membership are required to satisfy the Council of the LCSP Register as to their training, qualification and proficiency in an approved sphere of the therapy. The LCSP Register is a professional body conducting, as necessary, examinations and/or interviews for membership, but does not function as a tutorial organisation or qualifying body as such. It requires all applicants for membership to hold an approved qualification or (in the case of Student Members) to be presently undertaking training for acceptable qualifications in the therapies concerned through educational establishments or courses approved by the LCSP Register.

There are four grades of membership open to applicants, as follows:

1. **Student Membership**
   Is open to bona-fide students of the profession who are undergoing training for approved qualifications. Such membership shall carry no designatory letters.

2. **Associate Membership**
   Is open to persons who have successfully completed an approved course of training to the requirement of the Register. These members may use the designatory letters L.C.S.P. (Assoc), after their name.

3. **Full Membership**
   is open to persons who have successfully completed approved training to a standard of proficiency so determined by the Register and who have not less than two years' approved, full-time, or four years' part time, practical experience in the profession, together with evidence of C.P.D. (Continuing professional development.) These members may use the designatory letters L.C.S.P. (Phys).

4. **Affiliate Membership**
   Is available to persons who by virtue of their qualifications have achieved a statutory protection of title in their therapy. These members may use the designatory letters of their external qualification in isolation or in parentheses after the letters L.C.S.P. For example an osteopath may use either D.O. or L.C.S.P.(D.O.) after their name.

Definition of Therapies within the Scope of Membership:

Time has seen the emergence and development of specific therapies and sciences which themselves call for lengthy training and particular applications of knowledge and proficiency – yet, in essence, the basic underlying principle is always the therapeutic dexterity of the trained hands. The Register is concerned only with the assessment and approval of qualifications in the following therapies:

1. **Remedial Massage**
   Practitioners have by virtue of their training and examination, acquired ability and competence in the practice of soft-tissue massage of the human body. Such training requires an understanding of anatomy, physiology and associated sciences; clinical procedures; the principles and practice of massage therapy; hygiene; first-aid, etc.

   'Remedial Massage' implies that the member has been trained and qualified to the satisfaction of the Council in the therapeutic application of massage, and such training will have provided the member with an understanding of the use of massage as an aid in the treatment of muscular / skeletal conditions, and/or a knowledge of sports related injuries, muscular and joint problems, etc. and the conditions when massage is contra-indicated.

2. **Manipulative Therapy**
   The designation 'Manipulative Therapist' implies that the member has undertaken approved training and examination to a higher level and at a more advanced standard than that approved for the designation of 'Remedial Masseur' and that such training has been completed in a manner acceptable to the Council of the LCSP Register. The practitioner will have acquired as the result of such training and experience an understanding of, and proficiency in, the application of advanced remedial massage and in soft-tissue and joint manipulative procedures. Such training will in many cases have also included instruction in electro-therapy, and most practitioners of manipulative therapy are able to provide such treatments that may include heat therapy, ultrasonic, interferential, laser, etc.

   Members must not describe themselves as 'manipulative therapists' until such time as they have completed an approved training and acquired qualification at a level acceptable to the LCSP Register and have been admitted to Full Membership.

3. **Osteopathy/Chiropractic/Physiotherapy**
   The Register considers the practice of osteopathy, chiropractic and physiotherapy as being among the spheres of manipulative therapy practised by members, whilst recognising the distinct philosophy and science of each therapy.

In accordance with the statutory requirement, members describing themselves as 'Osteopaths' or 'Chiropractors' or 'Physiotherapists' in the U.K. are required to be registered with the General Osteopathic Council, the General Chiropractic Council or the Health Professions Council, as appropriate, and to be able to produce evidence of registration on request.

Applicants Please Note: The Council of the LCSP Register draws the attention of all persons applying for membership to the following points:-

4. **Other Therapies**
In addition to providing treatment which falls within one of the preceding categories approved by the LCSP Register, it may be that some members also practise other therapies (e.g. acupuncture, herbal medicine, homoeopathy, etc.) which are considered outside the sphere of this body insofar as assessment of training, qualification, competence, etc., are concerned. It should be understood therefore that, whilst such therapies are outside the scope of the provision for membership of the LCSP Register, members who are engaged in such other therapies are required to belong also to the professional bodies associated with such therapies where records of training, qualification, etc. are held.

5. **'Doctor'**
The use of the title 'Doctor' by any practitioner of the healing arts might generally be taken to imply that the holder possesses a medical doctorate approved by the General Medical Council. Therefore, (with the exception of Doctors of Chiropractic – D.C. – approved by the State Licensing Boards of the U.S.A.) the use of the title 'Doctor' is not acceptable unless the Member holds such medical doctorate, or unless it is made unequivocally clear that the doctorate (e.g. in Science, Philosophy, etc.) is not a medical one.

The following rules have been approved by Council. The LCS Register is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and Company Law. If there should be a conflict between the LCSP Register Rules and the Memorandum etc., the Memorandum etc. take precedence.

SUMMARY OF RULES AND OBJECTS OF THE REGISTER

1. Objects of the Register

a) To provide an organisation, international in scope and activity, for persons engaged in the scientific application and study of remedial treatments. In particular, for those persons belonging to organisations approved by the General Council for Massage Therapy.

b) To promote and expand the theory and practice of Remedial Massage, Manipulative Therapy, including, Osteopathic and Chiropractic procedures, Physical and allied therapies, for the benefit of the public in general and the Register in particular. And also to promote and support facilities for the education of persons in such therapies.

c) To establish, promote, and enforce a Code of Conduct and Ethics to safeguard the integrity of members' professional status.

d) To print, publish, buy or support books or literature or any publication for circulation to Members that may be of interest to Members in their professional activities and to promote the objects of the Register.

e) To do all such things as are conducive to the attainments of the objects of the Register, as may be determined from time to time by the Council.

2. Code of Ethics

a) Members having satisfied the Council of their competence shall adhere to the codes of Professional Conduct and Practice.

b) The attention of Members is drawn to the Register's Disciplinary Code. It is a requirement that Members comply with this Code.

c) Any Member knowingly breaching these Codes shall, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council, be subject to the penalties contained therein.

3. Membership Grades & Qualifications

The Register has eight categories of membership as listed below:

a) STUDENT
b) ASSOCIATE
c) FULL
d) FELLOWSHIP
e) HONORARY
f) NON-PRACTISING
g) RETIRE
h) AFFILITATE

4. Fees and Subscriptions

Fees are determined by Council each year.

5. Insurance

Professional indemnity insurance is obligatory for all practising members. A block policy is arranged by the Register and payment is made directly to the Insurance company / broker. If cover is not provided through the Register scheme, the member must provide proof of equivalent or better cover.

6. Certificate of Membership

a) A Certificate of Membership shall be issued to each Member, (except to Student Members), such Certificate to remain the property of the Register and is to be returned on termination of membership.

b) The Certificate must not be used in any way which would be injurious to, or adversely affect the interests of the Register, or it may, at the discretion of Council, be forfeited.

7. Education and Examination

The Register recognises a number of training establishments. and may also approve of such other sources of training undertaken by an applicant for membership at the discretion of Council.

8. The Council of the Register

The affairs of the Register shall be managed by a Council of eight Officers or such other number as may from time to time thought to be advisable. The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company is the over-riding set of rules.

9. Accounts and Funds of the Register

The Council shall ensure that the Register complies with company law and provides security and good stewardship over cash and other assets.

10. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Register is governed by company law and such other rules as deemed necessary by Council.

11. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

C.P.D. is mandatory to maintain and improve the standards of the members of the Register.

12. Legal Adviser to the Register

The Council may appoint a Legal Adviser to perform such legal duties and functions that may be necessary, to protect and ensure the smooth running of the Register.

13. Annual Examination (Audit)

The Council of the Register shall arrange for annual accounts to be prepared by a reporting accountant before their presentation to the Members.

14. Directory of Members

The Register shall publish annually a list of Members, with particulars of the qualifications and services available from such Members.

15. Alteration to Rules

Any alteration in the above Rules and Objects of the Register must be agreed by the majority of Members present at an Annual General Meeting of the Register.

2011 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription for the current membership year is payable in full upon enrolment and the initial period of membership will extend until 29th February 2012. Thereafter the annual subscription becomes due and payable in advance by 1st March of each year. Members admitted after 1st. October can pay a reduced subscription of 50% (for that year only).

1. **Professional Indemnity Insurance**
   The annual subscription paid by all Full and Associate Members, resident in the U.K. entitles them to apply to Three Counties Insurance Brokers Ltd. for insurance through a Master Policy held by the LCSP Register in respect of professional indemnity (malpractice); public liability and products liability indemnity.

   Insurance cover is not applicable to Full and Associate Members who are registered in the 'Retirement' or 'Non-practising' categories of membership, nor to Student Members.

2. **Exemption from the Master Policy**
   Applicants for membership who already hold comparable insurance (£5,000,000) through another professional body may apply for exemption from the Register's scheme. Evidence and details of existing insurance cover must be submitted if applying for an exemption.

3. **Application for Membership Fee**
   Applicants for Full, Associate or Affiliate Membership are required to pay an application for membership fee of £50.00. This is non refundable, but where applicable will include the interview or examination fee.

Full/Associate Membership subscription:	£105.00
Student Membership subscription:	£50.00
Affiliate Membership subscription:	£70.00

   Note: Should a Student Member qualify for transfer to Associate Membership during the year, then the subscription paid previously will be credited and the balance of £45.00 will be payable at that time for Associate Membership.

4. **Overseas Membership**

Annual subscription:	Full and Associate Members	£60
	Student Members	£15

   Please send the correct amount with the Membership Application Form, payable to "LCSP Register." An official receipt will be issued.