

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO BECOMING AN IPHM MEMBER

Everything you need to know, in the right order
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YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

If you are a holistic or beauty practitioner — or a training provider — and you want to be part of a credible, internationally recognised community, this guide is for you.

The application process is straightforward. This guide walks you through every step so you know exactly what to expect, what to prepare, and what happens after you apply.

If anything is unclear, contact our membership team at membership@iphm.co.uk. We are here to help, not to catch you out.

STEP 1: CHECK YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENTS

Before you apply, take a few minutes to make sure you have what you need. The key things we look for are:

- Relevant qualifications for the therapies you practise, or evidence of equivalent experience
- Proof of public liability insurance (or a plan to obtain it before practising)
- Commitment to the IPHM Code of Conduct

Not sure whether your qualifications or experience will be accepted? Get in touch before you apply and we can advise you. There is no obligation, and we would rather help you submit a strong application than have you guess.

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE

STANDARD THERAPIST MEMBERSHIP

This is the starting point for most practitioners. Standard membership includes:

- Accreditation for up to six therapies
- Inclusion of your social media and/or website links
- Listing in the IPHM practitioner directory

EXECUTIVE THERAPIST MEMBERSHIP

For practitioners who want a more complete professional profile. Executive membership includes everything in Standard, plus:

- Accreditation for up to 30 therapies
- A personalised profile page with images, detailed information, and contact links
- Your own unique URL — which can double as a professional online presence

Not sure which is right for you? Standard is a great place to start. You can always upgrade later.

STEP 3: COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

Head to iphm.co.uk and complete the online application form. You will be asked to provide your contact details, the therapies you wish to be accredited for, and your chosen membership level.

Pay the membership fee as part of the application. If your application is not successful for any reason, your payment will be refunded in full.

STEP 4: SUBMIT YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Once your application is received, you will get an automatic response letting you know what we need from you. This typically includes:

- Copies of your qualifications for each therapy you are applying for
- Proof of public liability insurance, if you already have it
- A recent photograph for your official IPHM membership ID badge

If your practice is experience-based rather than formally qualified, you may also be asked for case studies, client feedback, or a summary of your practice history.

The faster you get your documents to us, the faster we can process your application.

STEP 5: WE REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION

Once we have everything we need, your application goes into review. This typically takes 7 to 10 working days.

If you submit all your documentation in one go and everything is complete, we can often fast-track this to 3 working days.

We review every application individually. If we have questions or need anything additional, we will be in touch directly.

STEP 6: GET ACCREDITED

If your application is successful, you will receive confirmation of your accreditation along with your membership materials, including:

- Your IPHM membership certificate
- Your digital membership ID badge
- Access to your member dashboard and benefits
- Your listing in the IPHM practitioner directory

If insurance was not in place at the time of application, you have two weeks from accreditation to submit proof of cover.

AFTER YOU ARE ACCREDITED

Accreditation is not the end of the journey. As an IPHM member, you commit to maintaining your standards, keeping your qualifications and insurance current, and continuing your professional development.

Your membership gives you access to a global community of practitioners, a range of member benefits, and the credibility that comes with being part of one of the most established accreditation bodies in the holistic sector.

Joining IPHM is not just about what it looks like on paper. It is about belonging to a community that takes holistic practice seriously. We are glad you are here.

Begin your application at iphm.co.uk or contact us at membership@iphm.co.uk