



College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists

Non-Registered
Membership
Categories
Requirements and
Information



COSRT has several Non-Registered membership categories. These are for those not active as fully trained or active as Psychosexual / Relationship Therapists. All within these categories share an interest in and support of COSRT's work. The categories are:

- Affiliate - For those with an interest in the work of COSRT who wish to maintain an association outside professional activity. In other organisations this category might be referred to as 'Friend of...'.
- Student – For those in specialist training to be a Psychosexual / Relationship Therapist, and others in education linked to the speciality.
- Professional Associate – For professionals working in and around Psychosexual and Relationship Therapy, but ineligible for Registered Membership. This includes newly qualified specialist therapists, general counsellors and therapists, nurses, doctors, psychologists, and other healthcare workers.
- Retired - For Psychosexual and Relationship Therapists who are on a long career break or are retired but wish to retain links to the profession.

Benefits and Fees

Membership in these categories gives a range of benefits:

	COSRT Newsletter	Subscription to Journal of Sexual and Relationship Therapy	Discount on COSRT training	Discount on COSRT conference ticket	Access to Practice Guidelines	Route to Registered Membership
Affiliate	✓	✓		✓		
Student	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional Associate	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Retired	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Annual fees for each category are:

	Full annual subscription	Reduced annual subscription
Affiliate	£90	£70
Student	£110	£88
Professional Associate	£150	£120
Retired	£100	£80

Affiliate Member - Key information

Affiliate Membership is not open to practicing therapists who must apply for Professional Associate or Registered status depending on their circumstances.

Affiliates are not members of COSRT for the purposes of company law and do not have a right to attend, speak, vote and/or demand a poll at general meetings of COSRT.

Student Member - Course Requirements

You can apply for COSRT Student Membership if you are enrolled on any of the following courses:

- Specialist psychosexual, sexual and/or relationship therapy/counselling¹
- General psychotherapy and/or counselling
- Psychology or medical course with a specialism or focus on psychosexual/relationship issues

Student Member – Public Listing

As a Student Member of COSRT you will be listed in a public registry of COSRT Students. This ensures that if you have supervised client hours within your studies, the public can confirm your status.

¹ You are required to hold COSRT Student Membership if you are on a COSRT-Accredited Course.

Student Membership - Duration

If you successfully graduate from your course you must inform COSRT immediately. At that point you will automatically be moved to Professional Associate Membership. You will remain at this level until you complete a successful application for Registered Membership.

If your studies end for any reason, you must inform COSRT immediately. In that scenario your Membership will be changed to Affiliate or Professional Associate depending on your circumstances.

Student Membership - Practice Requirements

If your course contains client contact hours, or you have client contact hours outside training you must:

- Have supervision in place at a level of 1:6 per month
- Have professional indemnity insurance at a minimum value of £2,000,000
- Be in good professional standing

As a COSRT Student Member you must not claim or allow it to be believed that you are a qualified Psychosexual / Relationship Therapist.

If, however, you are a student but meet criteria for COSRT Registered Membership, you can apply for that status. In that scenario, you must maintain Registered Membership until graduation when on a COSRT-Accredited Course. Registered Membership allows you to advertise as a qualified, registered Psychosexual / Relationship Therapist.

Professional Associate – Key Information

You may be granted Professional Associate Membership of COSRT if you are a professional working in and around psychosexual and relationship therapy, but ineligible for Registered Membership.

If you are eligible for Registered Membership you must apply for that status to ensure public protection.

Professional Associates who are active practitioners in any health and social care field including psychotherapy and counselling must provide proof of adequate professional liability insurance - a minimum level of £2,000,000.

Retired Member – Key Information

You may be granted Retired Member status of COSRT if you are a qualified practitioner focused on psychosexual or relationship therapy and meet criteria demanded by COSRT.

You must provide evidence that you have been a COSRT Registered Member (or above) for 12 months or more and that you are:

- Retired; or
- Currently on a break from practice that will end no sooner than 12 months from the date of application.

You must also commit that:

- You will not undertake any practice as a psychosexual and/or relationship therapist for the duration of your membership as a Retired Member
- You will inform COSRT immediately if you return to practice
- You will ensure you follow all COSRT guidelines on returning to practice

Application Process

ALL APPLICANTS are subject to this process

Applications for membership should be sent via email to memberships@cosrt.org.uk.

Confirmation of your application outcome will be sent to you electronically. If your application is accepted by COSRT, your subscription fee will be taken via Direct Debit or bank transfer. If the subscription fee is not received within three months, your application will lapse and you must reapply. Your membership will be valid immediately from the date on which payment is received by COSRT in cleared funds.

COSRT reserves the right to request an applicant to attend an interview with representatives of COSRT to discuss their application. The applicant would be expected to meet their own travel costs to attend the interview.

The provision of misleading information or an incomplete declaration may lead to refusal of entry to membership or withdrawal of membership at a future date. Membership of COSRT does not commence until the annual subscription has been received (subject to COSRT's confirmation to you of a successful application outcome).

Membership of the College for Sexual and Relationship Therapists is not a qualification and must not be represented as such.

Applicants may appeal a decision concerning their application in accordance with clause 3.9 of the Terms and Conditions of Membership and Accreditation and the Guidelines for Reapplication and Appeal.