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Please download the application form for Affiliate Membership.

Before completing your application form you are reminded that as an Affiliate Member you must support the objects as laid down in the COSRT [Articles](#) and comply with Rule Four.

Please note the following information regarding your reference:

The College will write to the referee requesting a reference. The reference will only be accepted on the official form. The applicant is expected to take responsibility for ensuring the form is returned to COSRT.

The Affiliate Member subscription is £77 sterling per annum and will be requested on the satisfactory completion of the application process. Please do not send money with your application.

Membership applications are processed approximately every six weeks.

Benefits of Affiliate Membership include a quarterly international journal; regular professional updates; access to our website; discounted rates for conferences and CPD days; plus numerous networking possibilities.

#### **Affiliate Membership – Criteria**

1. You may be granted Affiliate Membership if you meet one or more of the following requirements:

- 1.1 You are a retired practitioner of sexual and relationship therapy who was previously a General or Accredited member of COSRT and would like to remain involved with the profession.
  - 1.2 You are a practitioner of sexual and relationship therapy or have an appropriate professional interest in sexual and relationship therapy and live overseas
2. You must also accept COSRT Rule Four which covers Affiliate Membership.

#### **Rule Four – Rules of Affiliate Membership**

Affiliate members must uphold the objects and values of COSRT and abide by the decisions of the trustees.

If the conduct of an affiliate member is deemed likely to bring the profession or COSRT into disrepute membership will be terminated.

Affiliate membership is not available to active practitioners of sexual and relationship therapy in the UK and Ireland (you may be an active practitioner of sexual and relationship therapy overseas). You are required to notify the Administrator of any change of status, such as becoming a practising psychosexual therapist or beginning training as a psychosexual therapist in the UK, so that you can be moved into the appropriate membership category.

Affiliate membership of COSRT is not a qualification and must not be represented as such. The term “COSRT affiliate member” or similar expression must not be used on any public document such as a letter heading, signature, card or website.

Affiliate members are not bound by COSRT’s Code of Ethics and Practice for General and Accredited Members, they are not covered by the Fitness to Practise Procedure.

Subscriptions must be paid by the due date or membership will be terminated. Part year refunds are not given.

If the above Rules are contravened, continuing membership will be reviewed by the CEO and may be terminated. Before making a final decision on terminating membership, the CEO will notify the affiliate member of COSRT’s concerns and give them the opportunity to make

written representation. If the membership is terminated and the member is not satisfied they may ask the Chair to review the CEO's decision, the Chair's decision being final.

Affiliate Membership to the College of Sexual and Relationship Therapists is not a qualification and must not be represented as such. Refer to the [COSRT Code of Ethics and Practice for General and Accredited Members](#) Clause 3.9 advertising.

### **Application Process**

On receipt of your completed application form and reference, your application will be processed. An offer of Affiliate membership is only valid for three months so please send your subscription on receipt of the offer.