

Guidance notes in submitting applications to the Division of Neuropsychology (DoN) of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI)

When applying for membership of DoN, applicants can apply to one of three categories:

- **Full Member Practitioner Status**
- **Full Member General Status**
- **Affiliate Membership**

When applying for membership of DoN the following conditions apply:

1. All Full Members (Practitioner or General Status) of DoN must be Graduate Members of the Psychological Society of Ireland and therefore must hold a recognised undergraduate degree in Psychology, or equivalent, along with additional neuropsychology experience as outlined in the criteria, below. Affiliate membership is open to all graduate members of PSI. This category includes clinical and non-clinical members of the Society with an interest in neuropsychology. Affiliate members pay a reduced fee and do not have voting rights at AGM. An Affiliate Representative will have a place on the committee of the Division.
2. Applicants must have completed any courses, research, or periods of supervised clinical practice required for membership at the time of application, in order for these to be considered in the application for membership to DoN.
3. Applicants are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible in order to facilitate review of applications in a timely manner.
4. The criteria described below are for membership of DoN at PSI. The DoN does not take any responsibility for any other parties or organisations who may adopt these criteria for their purposes.
5. DoN does not have statutory, regulatory or accrediting authority in relation to the clinical, research and or academic practice of members, and therefore does not accept any responsibility for members where their practice contravenes accepted professional, clinical, academic and or ethical practice. Applicants are reminded that as members of PSI, they agree to comply with the PSI Code of Ethics.
6. Applicants are eligible to apply to one membership category, with the appropriate supporting documents, for which they have qualifications and or clinical experience commensurate with the stipulated membership criteria. Where an applicant does not meet criteria for the membership category for which they have applied, they may be offered membership for the category the Membership Committee deems appropriate, based on their qualifications and experience. The Membership Committee's decision is final. The Membership Committee will, as appropriate, endeavour to make recommendations for the applicant to consider, should they wish to re-apply to that membership category in the future. Members may reapply for a different category of membership after accruing additional experience and/or qualifications.
7. Division Fees are payable annually directly to the Psychological Society of Ireland.
8. Applicants should complete all sections of the form appropriate to their application. All applicants must complete Sections 1 – 7. Those applying for Full Member Practitioner Status must complete Section 8. Section 8 requires the applicant to provide an overview of the amount of supervision in Clinical Neuropsychology that they have received and to provide an overview of their relevant work experience.
9. The application form and membership requirements will be reviewed annually.

Definitions of categories of membership and supporting evidence required

Full Member Practitioner Status. This category of membership is intended for practicing clinical neuropsychologists. Applicants must meet the criteria set out in **both** Part A and Part B below.

Part A: A PSI accredited professional qualification in clinical psychology.

Part B: Applicants must meet **either one** of the following two conditions:

Condition 1

Applicants must hold a post-graduate practitioner qualification in an area directly relevant to the application of clinical neuropsychology (e.g., MSc/Pg.Dip in applied/clinical neuropsychology)

AND

Applicants must have completed at least one year's full time supervised practice (or part-time equivalent) **since** completing their clinical neuropsychology qualification, where clinical neuropsychology constitutes the majority of that practice.

OR

Condition 2

Applicants must have completed at least four years full-time (or part-time equivalent) clinical experience, where clinical neuropsychology constitutes the majority of that clinical practice. This experience must have been gained **since** completion of their professional clinical qualification and must have been carried out under the supervision of a Practitioner Member of the Division (or a supervisor eligible for this).

Full Member General Status

This category of membership is intended for any graduate member of the Society who has completed research in the area of neuropsychology at PhD level or equivalent where the primary area of investigation was clearly related to neuropsychology.

Affiliate Membership

This category of membership is intended for those with an interest in neuropsychology. Affiliate membership of the Division is open to any graduate member of the Society who has an interest in the academic or clinical practice of neuropsychology.