



## Procedures for Application for Membership to the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists (IASLT) under the Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Professional Association Credentials (MRA) 2017

The following instructions apply to speech-language pathologists/therapists who are certified members of ASHA, RCSLT or Speech Pathology Australia, clinically certified members of SAC-OAC and full members of NZSTA who wish to apply for Full membership of IASLT under the Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Professional Association Credentials (MRA) 2017.

### 1. Professional Regulation

All SLTs in Ireland must hold registration with CORU, Ireland's Multi-profession health regulator. More information about CORU registration can be found at: <http://www.coru.ie/>. Once CORU registration is obtained SLTs may proceed to Full Membership application under the MRA 2017.

2. Applicants must complete the IASLT Application for Full Membership to the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists (IASLT) under the Agreement for the Mutual Recognition of Professional Association Credentials (MRA) 2017.
3. Applicants must complete the entire application form, including the Consent and Declaration section. Failure to complete the entire application will result in the application being rejected.
4. Applicants must provide documentary evidence of citizenship. Acceptable documentary evidence of citizenship is a certified true photocopy of passport or birth certificate, signed by a Solicitor/Lawyer, Justice of the Peace, Public Notary (see [www.publicnotary.ie](http://www.publicnotary.ie)), or member of the police force. The signatory must not be a relative of the applicant.

The signatory:

- (a) must SEE the original document and sign to that effect on the photocopy
  - (b) must state that the photocopy is a true copy of the original document which has not been altered in any way, by writing "This photocopy is a true copy of the original document which has not been altered in any way" on the photocopy
  - (c) must PRINT their name, position and contact address and telephone number on the photocopy
  - (d) must DATE the copy
  - (e) must sign the photocopy using black ink
5. Applicants must request a letter of good standing from their Home Association verifying that they hold current certification/membership with the home association and the start and renewal dates of the certification/membership.



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The letter of good standing must be dated and have been obtained no more than one year prior to application of Full Membership with IASLT.

6. All letters of good standing must be sent directly from the applicant's Home Association IASLT office in Dublin (address below). Letters must be on Association letterhead, and must bear an original signature of an authorized representative of the Home Association. Letters dated more than one year prior to submission of the application, or those that do not contain the information noted above, will not be accepted as part of the application process.

7. **Applicants from SAC-OAC** must also give documentary evidence of clinical practice and recency of practice.

Acceptable documentary evidence of clinical practice is an original letter, on headed paper signed by a speech language pathology course director or clinical supervisor/manager, who must be a certified practicing speech language pathologist. The letter must state that the applicant has completed at least 1,000 hours of clinical practice within the previous five years and has received remuneration for such work.

Acceptable documentary evidence of recency of clinical practice is an original letter, on headed paper, signed by an employer or by an authorized signatory of the applicant's Home Association. The letter must state that the applicant has completed at least 1,000 hours of clinical practice within the previous five years and has received remuneration for such work.

8. **Applicants from ASHA** must also give documentary evidence of recently of practice.

Acceptable documentary evidence of recency clinical practice is an original letter, on headed paper, signed by an employer or by an authorized signatory of the applicant's Home Association. The letter must state that the applicant has completed at least 1,000 hours of clinical practice within the previous five years and has received remuneration for such work.

9. Applicants for whom English is not a first language and/or who completed their professional education in speech language pathology in a language other than English are required to provide evidence of fluency in spoken, written and clinical English, equivalent to a score of 8 or higher across spoken and written English in the IELTS or equivalent. Acceptable documentary evidence of English language fluency is an original copy of the Academic version of the IELTS results or equivalent, indicating scores across spoken and written language modules. Applicants are advised to make copies of all original documents before sending them to CORU or IASLT for application.

### **Result of Application**

Application for IASLT Full Membership under MRA will be granted to the applicant once all above requirements are met.



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Once membership is granted by IASLT, the successful applicant will have the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same responsibilities and obligations as all other IASLT members which include adherence to the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics and participation in continuing professional development. Continued membership of IASLT is contingent on payment of the annual subscription and fulfillment of all other Full Member requirements for membership.

All disputes concerning the administration of Full Membership application process, including a decision to grant or deny full membership or eligibility for full membership under this Agreement will be resolved solely by IASLT.

There is no provision within the Agreement for an appeal process. If an applicant fails to be recognized by IASLT, the Home Association may request from IASLT, with permission from the applicant, a statement of reasons for the rejection. Where this occurs, IASLT will supply the statement, if the policies and procedures of IASLT and Irish law permit.

**11. To request an application form please contact: [info@iaslt.ie](mailto:info@iaslt.ie) or**

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**Note:** All documentation must be in English and all copies must be notarised. Please send 2 copies of all documentation. Applicants are advised to keep a full copy of their documents prior to sending as IASLT cannot accept responsibility for any loss that occurs.