



IASLT

The Irish Association of
Speech + Language Therapists

***IASLT MRA Letter of Good
Standing:
An Eligibility and Application Guide***

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1.0 Purpose

This document sets out to define a letter of good standing, eligibility criteria, basic application processes and IASLT processes for issuing a letter of good standing.

2.0 Letter of Good Standing

An IASLT letter of good standing declares that an IASLT member:

1. Meets all the requirements for recognition of membership.
2. Has agreed to abide by the IASLT Code of Ethics.
3. Meets the IASLT requirements for continuing professional development.
4. Is not subject to any disciplinary investigations or sanctions.

A sample IASLT Letter of Good Standing can be found in Appendix I.

A Letter of Good Standing is a **benefit** of IASLT membership and not an **entitlement**.

3.0 Eligibility criteria

Criteria for a Letter of Good Standing requires the applicant:

- to have received their qualification and credentials to practice as a speech and language therapist from an accredited education programme within a country signatory to the mutual recognition of credentials agreement (MRA)
- to have been a full member of IASLT for a minimum of one calendar year and have renewed into a second year, and
- to be a current IASLT full member at the time of application – this is a requirement under the rules of the mutual recognition of credentials agreement (MRA)

(i.e. you must be a full member at time of application and have been a full member for more than 12 months without a lapse in membership)

The recognised SLT associations of the following countries are signatory to the MRA: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States of America and Ireland.



IASLT full membership applies to practicing speech and language therapists who fulfil the IASLT requirements for continuing professional development and who have agreed to abide by the IASLT Code of Ethics.

Letters will be issued only for the specified purpose of application for membership of a MRA signatory professional association. The Letter of Good Standing will be sent directly to the relevant professional association.

Letters will be valid only for the membership year in which they are issued.

Applicants who have been full IASLT members for a period of less than one year will not be issued with a Letter of Good Standing but may be issued with a letter indicating the dates of their membership period.

Applicants with a period of lapsed full membership and whose current membership is less than one year, will not be issued with a Letter of Good Standing but may be issued with a letter indicating the dates of previous membership, and if appropriate, a statement that they had not been subject to any disciplinary proceedings in that period of membership. The letter will also indicate that they have recently renewed membership.

Applicants who have in the past been subject to disciplinary investigation will have their request considered on an individual basis.

Applicants will be required to provide consent to allow the information in the Letter of Good Standing to be shared with other speech and language therapy professional associations.

Any previous membership as a Student or New graduate member will have no bearing on your eligibility for a Letter of Good Standing or any application for recognition via the MRA route.

4.0 Process of application

The IASLT Application for MRA Letter of Good Standing can be found here: <https://www.iaslt.ie/about-us/affiliations-organisation-relationships-partners/> in the MRA section follow the link for IASLT Full Member Application for Letter of Good Standing.



Applicants that contact IASLT in advance of making an application can be provided with the following information via email:

1. A link to the IASLT Application for MRA Letter of Good Standing.
2. A link to IASLT Letter of Good Standing: An Eligibility and Application Guide.
3. Specific details of the dates of their membership.

4.1 *Applicant Responsibilities:*

The IASLT Application for MRA Letter of Good Standing form should be completed in full and emailed to info@iaslt.ie

This form includes the following information:

- Name of the professional association to which the applicant is applying.
- A correspondence address for the applicant.
- A statement of consent that IASLT can share information in relation to the applicants good standing.

The applicant must complete the application fee payment before the application will be processed.

Full members of IASLT who have completed their first year as a full member of IASLT must renew their membership and hold current Full membership whilst the application to another MRA country is being made, as per the eligibility criteria outlined in 3.0 above.

The member must meet the eligibility criteria on the date of application. Where a member submits an application form in advance of meeting the required eligibility criteria, it will be declined, and the application fee will not be refunded.

The MRA agreement stipulates that those applying for membership of another association through the MRA must hold membership in their home association while the application to join the new association is being made. This applies to all applicants.



4.2 IASLT responsibilities:

On receipt of an application the IASLT Administrator Officer will review the application to ensure all required fields are completed and the administration fee has been submitted. The IASLT Administration Officer will save the application form. The application form will be shared with IASLT COO and Professional Standards and Practice Manager (PSPM), or delegated as needed, for independent review. They will advise regarding the issuing of a Letter of Good Standing. IASLT will issue the Letter of Good Standing or decline the application within 21 days of receipt of the application.

4.2.1 Letter of Good Standing Is Issued:

If the applicant meets all eligibility criteria as set out in 3.0 above, IASLT COO and PSPM will email the IASLT Chairperson and Administration Officer, advising a Letter of Good Standing can be issued for the applicant, to the relevant MRA organisation. The IASLT Chairperson will sign the Letter of Good Standing and the IASLT Administration Officer will issue same.

This is issued by email from IASLT Administrator Officer to the relevant MRA professional body and IASLT COO and IASLT Chairperson is copied on this email.

IASLT Administration Officer will email the applicant to inform them a Letter of Good Standing has been issued.

4.2.2 Letter of Good Standing is not Issued:

Where the applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria, as set out in 3.0 above, IASLT COO and PSPM will email the IASLT Chairperson and IASLT Administration Officer, advising that a Letter of Good Standing cannot be issued and will outline what criteria are lacking.

IASLT Administration Officer will email the applicant and copy the IASLT Chairperson outlining why a Letter of Good Standing cannot be issued at this time.

4.3 IASLT Records of Letter of Good Standing applications

A record of all applications for Letter of Good Standings are kept by the IASLT Administration Officer in line with GDPR data retention.



Appendices

Appendix 1: Sample Letter of Good Standing



MRA Partner

Letter of Good Standing: Valid until XXX

Applicant name:

Date of issue:

Membership Number:

The Irish Association of Speech & Language Therapists (IASLT) hereby certifies that XXX is a Full Member in good standing with this professional association.

In accordance with the conditions for membership of IASLT, XXX has agreed to abide by the IASLT Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and is in compliance with the requirements for continuing professional development.

XXX is not now, nor has ever been, the subject of any disciplinary proceeding by this professional association.

XXXX

Chairperson IASLT

IASLT Full Membership: Refers to practicing speech and language therapists who fulfill the IASLT requirements for continuing professional development and who have committed to abide by the IASLT Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

Good Standing: To be in "Good Standing" with IASLT the member must have agreed to meet all the requirements for recognition for membership, to have agreed to abide by the IASLT Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, to meet the requirements for continuing professional development and must not be subject to any disciplinary investigation or sanction.



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