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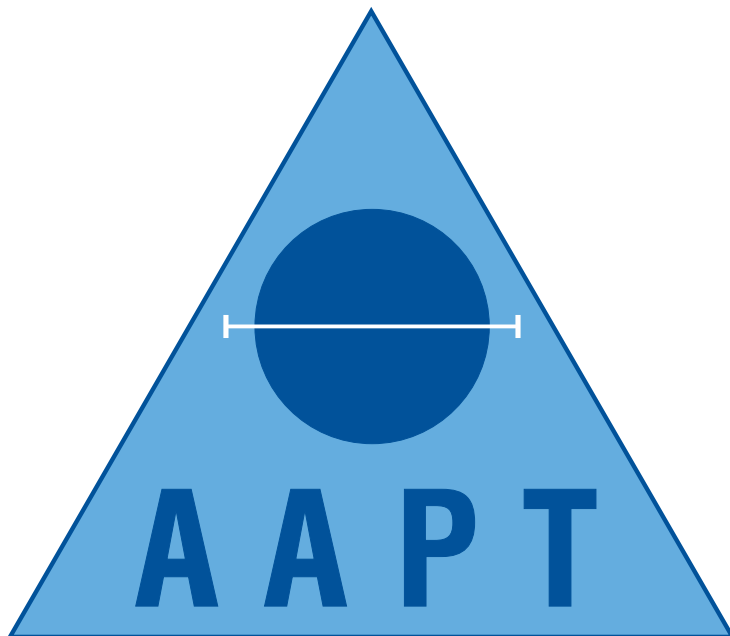
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Application Form for the AAPT

Level of Membership (Please tick as appropriate)

Application Type

New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Previous Membership No.	<input type="text"/>
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Fellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Affiliate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Personal Details

Surname	<input type="text"/>	Title: (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms)	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
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Forname(s)	<input type="text"/>	Any Previous Names	<input type="text"/>
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Contact Details

Home Address	<input type="text"/>
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Town / City	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
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Contact email	<input type="text"/>	Contact Telephone No.	<input type="text"/>
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Employer Name & Address	<input type="text"/>
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Town / City	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
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Employer Telephone No.	<input type="text"/>	Fax	<input type="text"/>
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Professional Details

Employment Speciality

Paediatric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fiscal / Coroner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forensic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Locum	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Job Banding / Grade	<input type="text"/>	Training Responsibility? (Please Tick)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Employment History

Date From	Date To	Employer	Job Grade
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Professional Qualifications - NB Photocopies must be included with your application

Date Awarded	Qualification	Awarding Body
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Registrant Declaration

I, the undersigned, apply for membership of the Association of Anatomical Pathology Technology, I will abide by the Code of Conduct and declare that the foregoing statements are correct.	
Signature	Date

Proposal from current AAPT member

<i>(only applicable to Students, Associates and Affiliate applications, those applying for the Fellow or Member grades do not need a proposer)</i>		
Full name and membership number	Signature	Date

The AAPT: a recognised voice for mortuary staff across the UK and beyond

The Association of Anatomical Pathology Technology (AAPT) was formed in 2003.

Members of the AAPT are predominantly employed as Anatomical Pathology Technologists (APTs) in both hospital and public mortuaries: but we also welcome Mortuary Assistants, medical staff and other healthcare scientists.

The AAPT is committed to working with the appropriate authorities & organisations to help ensure, and improve, the professional, educational and practical standards for technologists across the United Kingdom and beyond.

Through the development of qualifications and best practice literature, the AAPT can set standards to ensure the dignity of deceased patients and relatives.

Code of Conduct

Members of the AAPT adhere to a professional Code of Conduct. They must:

- Uphold the dignity and reputation of the Association by applying the highest standards of conduct, honesty and integrity in their personal and professional behaviour
- Exercise their professional practice and skill, within the agreed and known limits of their professional knowledge with judgement and responsibility
- Maintain, develop and keep up to date their professional competence and skills.
- Observe the legal and ethical framework appropriate to their current and future roles
- Recognise the beliefs and values of the wider general public, the users of the service and professional colleagues, treating them on a fair and equitable basis
- Ensure their own beliefs and values do not prejudice or compromise their ability to carry out their professional roles and duties.
- Educate professional peers, colleagues and the wider general public about anatomical pathology technology and its practice
- Promote the study and activity of anatomical pathology by promotion of the values, aims and objectives of the Association of Anatomical Pathology Technology.

Influence

The Department of Health has approached the AAPT to comment on every major consultation document relating to death, bereavement, post mortem consent and emergency planning. The AAPT also has strong professional representation links with:

- The Royal College of Pathologists
- Institute of Biomedical Science
- Royal Society for Public Health
- Human Tissue Authority
- Academy for Healthcare Science
- Home Office
- and many other relevant stakeholders

This two-way communication with national organisations and government departments has given technologists a voice that had previously been unheard in the corridors of power.

Events

The major event of each year is the Annual Conference. This informative meeting provides a stimulating lecture programme with renowned speakers. It also allows the opportunity to socialise with other delegates and network with commercial partners. One day practical workshops on the taking of consent have been held in liaison with the Human Tissue Authority, the AAPT are also happy to bring such training locally into your workplace.

A growing regional network across the UK is allowing technologists to share knowledge at a local level. Groups have already been formed in London & the South East, the South West and Scotland.



Michelle Lancaster

Anatomical Pathology Technologist, North Tees

"Over the last couple of years there have been massive changes in areas which directly affect the APT, including the changes to the examination system. We had all heard change was coming but by being an active supporter and member of the AAPT, I felt better prepared for the change, so much so that our Trust has become a national training centre for the new RSPH Level 3 Diploma in APT. Our team often talked about the possibility of this happening one day, now it's a reality!"

CPD & Website

The AAPT website is an excellent resource tool for technologists, healthcare science colleagues and for those wishing to pursue a career as an APT. The site has a domain that is for members only, including a popular forum for the swapping of general and technical information and opinion. There is also a Facebook group for members only and a Twitter feed @AAPTtweets

A Learning Zone area features on-line learning known as Read, Test & Reflect (RTR), whereby members can test their knowledge on the most up-to-date articles and guideline documents relating to anatomical pathology technology. In 2016 the website will be revamped and include a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) diary.

It is the personal duty of any professional to keep their knowledge and skills up to date so that they remain competent to practise. The AAPT CPD scheme encourages APT staff to maintain, improve and extend their knowledge, skills and practice.

The scheme is a free to all members of the Association regardless of grade. For members who achieve a high standard of CPD activity, a special Award Certificate will be presented.

AAPT believe APTs should be regulated

The AAPT has been in regular communication with the Department of Health and other stakeholders and a path emerged for Anatomical Pathology Technologists to achieve statutory regulation. For the groups aspiring for statutory regulation, the Department of Health established the Voluntary Registration Council for Healthcare Scientists (VRC for HCS) as a stepping stone to full registration.

The sole purpose of the VRC for HCS was to lead non-regulated healthcare science professions into statutory regulation.

Regulation via registration is extremely important as a tool for ensuring that the public receive excellent services provided by professionals who are held accountable for their actions. In this way the sole aim of any registration process is to provide protection for the public.

On September 1st the successful migration of voluntary registers from the Voluntary Registration Council (VRC) to the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS) took place. To date there are 70+ APT's on the voluntary register held by the Academy of Healthcare Science.

The AAPT will work closely with The Academy, but still strongly supports the fundamental viewpoint that statutory regulation is the strongest protector for the public and healthcare colleagues.

Becoming a Member

The membership grades are as follows and you must join at the grade that matches your job, qualifications and experience:

• Fellow

A Fellow of the AAPT will hold, as a minimum qualification, the RSPH Diploma or Level 4 Diploma **and** have four year's post qualification experience. The fee is £50 per annum, with the AAPT subscription running from 1st April to 31st March each year (half price from 1st September)

• Member

A Member of the AAPT will hold, as a minimum qualification, the RSPH Certificate or Level 3 Diploma in Anatomical Pathology Technology. This grade will also apply to those who have obtained the RSPH Diploma, but have less than four year's post-qualification experience. The fee is £40 per annum with the AAPT subscription running from 1st April to 31st March each year (half price from 1st September)

• Student

A Student member of the AAPT will be employed in a hospital or public mortuary as a trainee APT. The fee is £25 per annum with the AAPT subscription running from 1st April to 31st March each year (half price from 1st September)

• Associate

An Associate member of the AAPT will be working as a Mortuary Assistant or equivalent. The fee is £25 per annum with the AAPT subscription running from 1st April to 31st March each year (half price from 1st September)

• Affiliate

The grade of Affiliate is open to biomedical scientists, pathologists, bereavement officers and other healthcare science professionals who wish to be affiliated to the AAPT. The fee is £50 per annum, with the AAPT subscription running from 1st April to 31st March each year (half price from 1st September)



David King

Anatomical
Pathology
Technologist,
Queens Medical
Centre

"CPD is a fundamental aspect of any Healthcare science role and the AAPT have been crucial in providing learning material, signposting to relevant documents and guidelines and the provision of courses as well as the annual conference which have assisted in me gaining the basic 40 credits a year. Historically APTs have not been well included in the science community and were not great at recording CPD activity, or even understanding what it fully entailed. The CPD portfolio and CPD award, I found were a great way of helping APTs develop and record activity and celebrating success great for confidence and morale"