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# **Application Form** for the **AAPT**

Level of Membership (Please tick as appropiate)

Application Type	
New Re-registration Previous Membership No.	
Fellow Member Student Affiliate	
Personal Details	
Surname Title: (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms) Date of Birth	
Forename(s) Any Previous Names	
Contact Details	
Home Address	
Town / City Postcode	
Contact email Contact Telephone No.	
Employer Name & Address	
Town / City Postcode	
Employer Telephone No.	
Professional Details Employment Speciality  Paediatric	Job Grade
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Professional Qualifications - NB Photocopies must be included with your application	
Date Awarded Qualification	Awarding Body
Registrant <b>Declaration</b>	
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**

(only applicable to Students and Affiliate applications, those apply for the Fellow or Member grades do not need a proposer)
Full name and membership number

Signature

Date

## The recognised voice for Anatomical Pathology Technologists

ormed in 2003, the Association of Anatomical Pathology Technology (AAPT) represents its technologist members who work in both hospital and public mortuary environments.

The AAPT is acknowledged as the guiding professional body to represent the healthcare science field of anatomical pathology technology.

## **Aims & Objectives**

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
- Federation 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 often with renowned speakers. It also allows the opportunity to socialise with other delegates and network with trade exhibitors. One day practical workshops on the taking of consent have been held in liaison with the Human Tissue Authority

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.

#### Website

The AAPT website is an excellent resource tool for technologists, healthcare science colleagues and for those wishing to purse 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.

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.



## Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

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.

## **Emergency & Preparedness**

Technologists have a vital role to play as part of the forensic team in an incident mortuary by providing assistance not just to the pathologist but to all forensic experts and others involved in the process. Many mortuaries both NHS and Local Authority may currently be short staffed or function with the minimum number of staff.

In emergency situations workloads can be excessive and with a duty to maintain routine services, with minimum disruption, local resources may become overwhelmed. The AAPT, on behalf of UKDVI, maintains a register of APT staff who can provide assistance as part of local or regional plans or nationally / internationally when requested by humanitarian / commercial organisations.

## Becoming a Member

To join the AAPT you will be a technologist working in a hospital or public mortuary. The membership grades are as follows:

## Fellow

A Fellow of the AAPT will hold, as a minimum qualification, the RSPH Diploma and have four year's post qualification experience.

#### Member

A Member of the AAPT will hold, as a minimum qualification, the RSPH Certificate. This grade will also apply to those who have obtained the RSPH Diploma, but have less than four year's post-qualification experience.

#### Student

A Student of the AAPT will be employed in a hospital or public mortuary as a trainee technologist.

#### Affiliate

The grade of Affiliate is open to biomedical scientists, pathologists and other healthcare science professionals who wish to be affiliated to the AAPT.

## Membership Subscription Fee

For ease of payment, the AAPT recommend paying the annual membership fee by direct debit. The subscription year runs from 1st April to 31st March and the fees are as follows:

Fellow £45

Member £35

Student £20

Affiliate £45

From the 1st September the subscription fee is halved.