



British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists

**APPLICATION FOR  
FULL MEMBERSHIP  
UK  
2010**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a full member of the British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists (BAPO). BAPO is the only UK wide professional body that represents Prosthetists and Orthotists, prosthetic and orthotic technicians, prosthetic and orthotic assistants and prosthetic and orthotic students.

### **The Benefits of Full Membership**

- Professional representation at UK government level and amongst allied health professionals by our Executive Committee
- Professional representation by prosthetists, orthotists, technicians and assistants with active involvement in BAPO
- Public and products liability/medical malpractice liability insurance when working within the UK
- Information and reduced fees for BAPO continuing professional development events
- Reduced delegate fee for attending the BAPO Annual Conference.
- Receipt of BAPOMag
- Regular direct mailings with information on current job vacancies in the UK and overseas
- Regular mailings of new product literature
- Access to the Online BAPO Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme
- Access to the Orthotic Education & Training Trust
- Ability to directly contribute to the profession by working with BAPO standing committees
- Admittance to the AGM, EGM or other special meetings
- Voting Rights (excluding the technician and assistant associate positions on the EC)
- Access to a full range of information services from the professional team at the Secretariat
- Access to the member only section of the website.
- Receipt of BAPO Bulletin
- Assistive Technology Magazine
- CRB Check

### **UNISON Membership benefits include:**

#### **For you as an individual:**

- Unrivalled protection and representation at work
- Professional Services Unit support if you are reported to HPC (& ISA), including legal defence
- Help with Pay and Conditions of services
- Health and Safety guidance and support
- Free legal advice for you and your family
- Pensions advice
- UNISON direct hotline for advice on workplace issues
- Online employment advice
- Confidential welfare advice for you and your dependents
- Education and training advice
- Cash benefits for injuries at work

- Colour magazine 4 times a year
- Deals on everything from computers, tax returns, holidays, mortgages, car breakdown, insurance and credit cards
- For educators, UNISON has an arrangement with the Academic unions which will be available to you

**For our profession:**

- A dedicated UNISON link advisor
- Assistance and guidance in developing a standard service specification
- NHS policy development at an early stage
- Links to the Professional Services Unit when working on regulation and registration issues
- A distinct voice for our profession within UNISON

**Membership Qualification**

Membership is only open to those qualified as an Orthotist, Prosthetist or Prosthetist/Orthotist.

The recognised routes to qualification are:

**UK Qualified Route**

- B.Sc. (Hons.) Prosthetics and Orthotics (University of Strathclyde).
- B.Sc. (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics (University of Salford)
- Diploma in Orthotics – awarded by the Orthotists Training Council prior to 1982.
- Diploma in Prosthetics awarded by Paddington Technical College – prior to 1982.
- OPTEC Diploma in either Orthotics or Prosthetics.
- Higher Diploma Prosthetics/Orthotics (SCOTEC/University of Strathclyde) with evidence of completed internship in prosthetics and/or orthotics.

Applicants with UK qualifications gained prior to 1985 may be admitted only on the approval of our Executive Committee.

**Non - UK Qualified Route**

Prosthetists and Orthotists who have qualified outside the UK wishing to join BAPO submit evidence of the following:

- Recognised Prosthetic and/or Orthotic qualification from own country and
- Health Professions Council registration (this is required as to use the title prosthetist/orthotist, prosthetist or orthotist in the UK you must be registered with the Health Professions Council)

**Contact Details**

BAPO Secretariat

Sir James Clark Building, Abbey Mill Business Centre, Paisley PA1 1TJ

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## British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists FULL MEMBER – UK APPLICATION FORM

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| <b>Name</b>                       | Title                    | First Name | Surname |
| <b>Address for Correspondence</b> |                          |            |         |
|                                   | Post Code                |            |         |
| <b>Date of Birth</b>              |                          |            |         |
| <b>Day-time Telephone No.</b>     |                          |            |         |
| <b>Mobile Telephone</b>           |                          |            |         |
| <b>Email Address</b>              |                          |            |         |
| <b>BAPO mail via email</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> |            |         |
| <b>Name of Employer</b>           |                          |            |         |

| <b>Please state your profession below</b><br>✓ |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Prosthetist           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Orthotist             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Prosthetist/orthotist |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <b>HPC NUMBER</b>     |

| <b>Please detail your relevant qualifications below<br/>And enclose a photocopy of your certificates with this form</b> |
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The full member subscription rate for 2010 is **£340.00**

Please note that

- Full Member subscription fees are due on 1st January each year and are to be paid in full.
- New members can join at any time during the year. To calculate the fee payable, divide annual fee by 12 and multiply this by number of months remaining to renewal date of 1st January.

I enclosed a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to "BAPO".

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form together with:

- A cheque for the membership subscription fee
- A copy of your certificates

**To: The Secretary BAPO Secretariat Sir James Clark Building  
Abbey Mill Business Centre Paisley PA1 1TJ**

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| Date received                   |  | Total value of chqs received | £ |
| Date ackn & sent to Secretary   |  | Admission date               |   |
| Outcome of application          |  | Actioned by                  |   |
| Comments                        |  |                              |   |