



About the IICT

The International Institute for Complementary Therapists (IICT) is one of Australia's leading professional bodies representing practitioners operating within the natural health industry. The IICT offers Full, Associate and Affiliate Membership for all Complementary Therapists, providing numerous benefits including access to a discounted combined Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance package through our Brokers - OAMPS. With over 2,500 members, the IICT is going daily and is seeking to expand its services to you.

The IICT offers a credible & cost effective alternative for all Complementary Therapists who wish to operate under a collective banner for the natural health industry. If you practice a variety of complementary therapies the IICT can provide you with professional affiliation without the need of joining several associations for each modality practised.

Our philosophy is simple, we offer a no nonsense discounted membership package putting you the practitioner first. Whether you have gained your qualifications overseas or have completed short courses, all credible qualifications are considered for membership.

What we offer:

- Professional Affiliation and Membership for over 600 Modalities
- Multi-Practitioner Discounted Insurance package, covering the practitioner world-wide*
- IICT Code of Ethics and Constitution
- Member Referrals

How we're different:

- We recognise new and emerging modalities
- No continued education requirements or points system
- Overseas qualifications considered
- We assist new modalities to be recognised nationally
- We offer the largest modality membership base in Australia
- We are not an association but provide similar benefits

Member benefits and features:

- Membership from only \$55 pa
- Members qualify for a discounted insurance policy
- Affiliate workshops and seminar discounts
- Use of IICT logo for advertising to denote your affiliation
- Advertising on our members online practitioner directory
- Access to IICT personalised Business Cards
- We pay members who refer fellow practitioners - Referral Program

What we don't offer our members:

- Provider numbers for private health fund rebates
- TGA numbers for purchasing products

Our Vision

The International Institute for Complementary Therapists' vision is to offer an alternative for Complementary Therapists who would like to become affiliated with an organization that supports Practitioners and Instructors in the diverse fields of Natural Health and Complementary Therapies.

Is our Membership right for you?

Unlike some Associations, the IICT tailors to natural health practitioners who practice several modalities and wish to have the benefits of membership without the necessity of joining several associations for each modality practised.

The IICT is also instrumental in providing membership for new modalities which are presently not covered by existing Associations.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does it cost to join the IICT?

A: Full membership is \$110 P.A; Associate is \$66 P.A and Affiliate membership is \$55 P.A.

Q: What is the difference between Associate, Affiliate and Full Membership?

A: Associate membership offers a basic level of membership for qualified practitioners, yet enables applicants access to our discounted policy for practitioner insurance. Affiliate Membership offers affiliation with the IICT for practitioners who do not hold qualifications. It is a membership which is suitable for Psychics; Tarot Readers and Clairvoyants, for example where qualifications are not applicable.

Full membership offers additional member benefits over Associate and Affiliate membership and denotes a higher level of professional affiliation with the IICT. This enables you to advertise yourself as a Full Member and use our logo on your advertising and promotional materials to denote your association with the Institute. As a Full Member you also qualify for up to a 10% discount on all IICT Affiliate seminars and access to our online forum. Most people choose Full membership over Associate or Affiliate in order to boost their professional attributes in association with the IICT.

Q: How much does it cost for Practitioner Insurance?

A: Insurance for our members includes combined Public and Product Liability and Professional Risk cover. All prices include \$10 Million of Public Liability Insurance cover as standard:

- * Professional Indemnity Insurance for \$1 Million = \$198
- * Professional Indemnity Insurance for \$2 Million = \$225
- * Professional Indemnity Insurance for \$5 Million = \$264
- * Professional Indemnity Insurance for \$10 Million = \$313

NOTE: All prices include \$10 Million of Public Liability Insurance and Price includes GST and Brokers Fees. There is no excess payable and no hidden costs.

Q: How long does it take for my IICT Membership and OAMPS Insurance cover to be approved?

A: In most cases your IICT Membership will be approved within 5 business days or sooner. Once you have sent in your OAMPS Insurance Proposal form, approval takes also takes 5 days (or less depending upon your application and policy requirements.) If you are in a hurry to obtain Insurance cover, please allow a total of 2 weeks from contacting the IICT to being covered with OAMPS. We will do our best to track your application process and speedily approve your Membership in order to give you the fastest and most efficient service possible. You can track your Insurance application by phoning OAMPS on 1800 222 012.

Q: I am still studying, can I join IICT even if I have not completed my diploma?

A: No, you must have completed training before you can join IICT.

Q: What kind of training and qualifications does the IICT recognise?

A: The IICT now recognises over 600 complementary therapies. Depending upon the modality will depend upon the level of qualification recognised for membership. We generally do not acknowledge courses which lack the necessary level or length of training. However, we do offer a diverse number of natural therapies as well as recognising numerous international qualifications.



More Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I have gained qualifications in Natural Therapies outside of Australia can I still join the IICT?

A: Yes, we accept Practitioners and Therapists who have gain qualifications internationally, provided their certification and training meets our criteria and internationally recognised standards.

Q: Both myself and my business partner practice Massage together, are we required to take out separate IICT Membership?

A: Yes, separate IICT Membership is required for each individual practitioner.

Q: From which date is my IICT Membership valid?

A: Our IICT Membership renewal times are from June 30th annually. We also offer pro-rata fees on a quarterly basis.

Q: Am I required to do continued education in order to retain my IICT Membership?

A: It is not a requirement to do continued education in your fields of study in order to retain your IICT Membership. Although we recommend you do up-skill and keep up to date with the latest practices we do not enforce continued education and training. We grant membership on the basis of your existing qualifications, so provided your existing qualifications meet our membership criteria your membership status will be retained.

Q: What do I need to send in to join the IICT?

A: You will need to submit a completed IICT Membership Registration form, copies of your qualifications and payment for membership. For Affiliate Membership you will need to submit your testimonials to verify your credibility.

Q: Can I join the IICT with one modality now and add another modality later?

A: Yes, as and when you complete new qualifications, simply send us a copy and we will add these to your file for future reference.

Q: Do the copies of my qualifications need to be witnessed and signed by a JP?

A: No, your qualifications do not need to be certified by a JP. We accept photocopies; scanned images; digital uploads via our web form; digital photos printed or emailed or faxed copies. Note: please do not send in original documents.

Q: I don't have a credit card, how else can I pay?

A: We accept postal Money Orders or Cheques payable to "IICT" or direct transfer via Internet Banking. Our details for Internet Banking are: Westpac Bank, Account Name: IICT, BSB: 036306 Account Number: 293808. If you are paying via Internet Banking please list your name as a reference when making your payment.

Q: I don't trust computers, just how secure is your website for credit card payments?

A: The IICT Website is 100% SSL Secure. Making a purchase on our site is safe and secure. Our site takes advantage of the latest security technologies to protect all your transactions online. Our top of the line, iron clad security ensures your credit card and personal details are protected by our Secure Socket Layers technology which means you can purchase online with full peace of mind.

Q: To join the IICT do I need a First Aid certificate or a certain number of first aid hours in training?

A: Although we always recommend all Practitioners learn first aid as part of their overall duty of care, you do not require a First Aid certificate in order to join the IICT.

Q: As a new IICT Member, what will I receive with my Welcome Package?

A: Your IICT Welcome letter; your IICT Member Certificate; your IICT Membership Number; a copy of our Constitution and Code of Ethics and an insurance application form and details on our insurance policy.

Q: Why is the IICT Membership so inexpensive?

A: One of our aims is to provide a diverse array of Therapists and Health Practitioners the opportunity to join our Institute for one of the best prices in Australia.

In order to keep our costs down, we do not offer some of the benefits of larger Associations (such as quarterly newsletters and automatic recognition for provider number status).

As an Institute however, we know that value for money is a matter of practical interest for established and new practitioners. With this in mind we have developed a credible yet affordable umbrella for our Members.

Q: Is the IICT an Association or an Institute?

A: The IICT is not an Association. We are a professional organisation with the clear aim to improve and maintain the overall standards of the practice and training in the diverse fields of natural therapies and the complementary health industry.

As an Institute we are keenly aware of the current trends within the industry and can assist new modalities and practitioners of these in being recognised nationally. Although we offer similar benefits to most Associations, the IICT's structure differs.

We do not have committee meetings, AGM's, or a board of directors. Being a 'top down' structure, the IICT's aim is to provide our members with an uncomplicated, hassle free service. By streamlining our internal structure, we are more efficient and can pass the benefits of our services to IICT members.

Q: What are the IICT's hours of Business and what is the best time to call for enquiries and assistance with my application?

A: We are based in Byron Bay, Northern New South Wales, Australia. Our office hours are as follows: East Coast (NSW) Standard Time: 9am to 5pm - Monday to Fridays. Weekends - Closed for enquiries. If you require a direct reply and cannot get through via the phone, please email us at: support@iict.com.au

To find out more

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