

ASK membership levels December 2017

There are 5 membership levels of ASK:

- Foundation
- Associate
- Professional Certificate
- Professional Diplomat
- Affiliate

Foundation

To enrol onto a Foundation Course as a Foundation level student, you must become a Foundation Member of ASK and pay £25 a year.

As a Foundation student, you are covered by your tutor's insurance whilst you are training in college. It is recommended that students take out student insurance cover so they can work on friends and family outside of the college premises. ASK have a block policy with Balens and Balens can provide student cover for an annual premium of £19.00 (at the time of writing).

On successful completion of the Foundation Course, you will then be issued with an ASK Foundation Certificate

On receipt of your ASK Foundation Certificate you can put **Fdn.ASK** after your name.

Associate

This membership applies to two groups of people;

- i. Those wishing to continue using Kinesiology with the public as an adjunct to other modalities but who do not plan to do further kinesiology training in the immediate future. You still use Fdn.ASK after your name.
- ii. Those who are training to become a Professional member with SAK, TASK, or **Cotswold Kinesiology**. You may continue to use Fdn.ASK after your name.

If you are using Kinesiology in your practice with members of the public, you need to have suitable insurance cover. **This is your own responsibility** and is not policed by ASK. ASK have a block policy and Balens can provide cover at this level for an annual premium of £49.85 (at the time of writing).

Membership subscription for Associate level is £50 a year.

It is a requirement that you upgrade from Associate to Professional level when you have completed the TASK Practitioner Course (Professional Certificate level) or, either the TASK or SAK or **Cotswold Kinesiology** Diploma Course (Professional Diplomat level) and you meet the criteria for each level of membership as shown below.

Professional Certificate

Upon successful completion of the TASK Practitioner course, together with:

- a recognised A&P qualification
- a recognised First Aid certificate
- suitable insurance

ASK will issue you with an ASK Professional Certificate level certificate and you can use **Cert.ASK** after your name.

Membership subscription for Professional Certificate level is £150 a year.

Professional Certificate members are listed on the ASK practitioner section of the website.

If you use Kinesiology with members of the public, you must have suitable insurance cover. This is your own responsibility and is not policed by ASK. Balens offer an ASK block policy at this level for £49.85 (at the time of writing).

Professional Diplomat

Upon successful completion of the SAK Diploma Course, TASK Diploma Course or Cotswold Kinesiology Diploma Course, together with:

- a recognised A&P qualification
- a recognised nutrition qualification
- a recognised First Aid certificate
- suitable insurance

ASK will issue you with an ASK Professional Diplomat level certificate and you can use **Dip.ASK** after your name.

Membership subscription for Professional Diploma level is £150 a year

Professional Diploma members are listed on the ASK practitioner section of the website.

If you use Kinesiology with members of the public, you must have suitable insurance cover. This is your own responsibility and is not policed by ASK. ASK have a block policy and Balens can provide cover at this level for an annual premium of £49.85 (at the time of writing).

Affiliate

If you have qualified at one of the above levels but **NO LONGER** use Kinesiology but wish to remain a member of ASK, then you may become an Affiliate member of ASK and pay £25 a year.

If you have a kinesiology qualification from a different association you can also become an affiliate member of ASK.

In addition, this category is for anyone interested in kinesiology, ASK, or wanting to support ASK.

Affiliate members will have access to the members section of the ASK website.

As an Affiliate Member, you are not governed by ASK's Code of Ethics and Practice or recognised as an ASK Professional.

Please note this document is to clarify and outline the membership categories as they are at October 2017. However, we are still reviewing and fine tuning some areas and will keep everyone updated as we make further progress.

Additional notes on insurance for students and tutors

ASK has liaised with Balens to provide insurance at each level of study.

Please note the following:

- Students must make clients aware that they are not yet fully qualified.
- Students may charge a fee if appropriate, providing this is allowed by the college or school in question. The amount would be expected to reflect the level the student is at and lower than an experienced, professional kinesiologist qualified to Diplomat level would normally charge.
- Students would be expected to only practice to the level they have been taught. Their insurance may only cover them to this level.
- Whilst a student, they should be in regular contact with their tutor and have on going case consultation and review for such case studies in place.
- As a recognised ASK tutor, your Balens policy through the ASK Block Scheme covers you to teach the accredited ASK material.
- Your Balens insurance policy through the block ASK scheme also covers you to teach other material. However, it does not cover you to teach the Foundation or Diploma courses unless you are a recognised as a tutor by ASK. If you are unsure, we suggest you contact Balens and the ASK office to check.