

INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION AND ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP (Stand 11.10.2023)

NOTE The following Procedural Code entries expand on the requirements outlined in this entry.

- a. For requirements applying to training in child and adolescent analysis, please see the separate Procedural Code entry 'IPA Requirements for Training in Child and Adolescent Psychoanalysis'.
- b. For requirements applying to the appointment of Training Analysts and Interim Training Analysts, please see the separate Procedural Code entry 'IPA Requirements for the Appointment of Training Analysts and Interim Training Analysts'.
- c. For requirements applying to Direct Members, please see the separate Procedural Code entry 'IPA Direct Members'.

Introduction

1. The IPA accepts training models employed within its Constituent Organisations and their Institutes, which are clearly based on the Eitingon, French and Uruguayan models described in the appendix to this document, as meeting the IPA's requirements for qualification and admission to IPA membership.
2. The terms Eitingon, French and Uruguayan used in describing the three models in the appendix, should not be interpreted as implying any geographic location in which the models may be employed, either now or in the future. However, whatever training models are used in each of the IPA Constituent Organisations and Institutes, they must be clearly based on one of the three models described in the appendix, regardless of the geographic regions where the Constituent Organisations and Institutes are located.
3. Any Constituent Organisation which wishes to change its training model from one to another of the three models described in the appendix, must follow the procedures outlined in the Procedural Code entry 'IPA Oversight of Educational Requirements'.
4. In employing any one of the training models described in the appendix, Constituent Organisations and Institutes must ensure that the following requirements are satisfied. The IPA's requirements outlined in this document are minimum requirements. Constituent Organisations and Institutes are free to exceed these minimum requirements as they judge appropriate. Elements of the training models adopted by Constituent Organisations and Institutes which exceed the IPA minimum requirements will be regarded as consistent with IPA requirements.
5. Constituent Organisations which consider that the requirements in this document require revision in the light of research findings should contact the Chair of the IPA Education Committee.
6. The requirements in this document are, of course, subject to local legal circumstances. Where local legal requirements exceed these minimum requirements they will be regarded as consistent with IPA requirements.

SELECTION FOR ADMISSION TO THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

7. It is recognised that different Constituent Organisations and Institutes make their selection for admission to the training programme at different stages according to the training model adopted, i.e. in some, applicants are selected before undertaking an analysis and in others, only after a period of analysis. However, the following requirements apply whenever selection is made.

- a) An applicant's previous academic training should include, at least, a university degree or its equivalent acceptable to the Constituent Organisation or Institute concerned.
- b) Each applicant must have a minimum of two separate interviews with two different analysts who have been officially recognised by the Constituent Organisation or Institute as being competent to evaluate applicants.
- c) The final decision on selection of an applicant must be made only by a group officially given responsibility for this task by the Constituent Organisation or Institute. Such a group must include more members than just those who conducted the interviews. No decision on selection may be made by any individual or by any unofficial group.

8. Applicants shall be accepted for training only after agreeing neither to conduct analyses nor to represent themselves as psychoanalysts until they have been authorised to do so by whatever group is officially designated by the Constituent Organisation or Institute as being responsible for their training. Applicants must also agree to abide by applicable IPA criteria. (See Rule 4 Section A(6) of the IPA's Rules.)

ANALYSIS

9. The analysis of a candidate (including those appointed candidates later) should be conducted in accordance with the requirements within the training model adopted by the Constituent Organisation or Institute as described in the appendix to this document.

ANALYSIS OF A CANDIDATE BY AN IPA MEMBER FROM A DIFFERENT CONSTITUENT ORGANISATION

10. The following policy only applies where a Constituent Organisation or Institute wishes to adopt it with respect to its own training procedures, unless that Constituent Organisation specifically prohibits its members from carrying out the training analysis of applicants for candidate status in another Constituent Organisation or Institute.

- a) A candidate may apply to one IPA Constituent Organisation or Institute while being in analysis with, or wishing to enter analysis with an IPA Member in another IPA Constituent Organisation.
- b) The IPA will accept as meeting its training requirements an analysis by an IPA Member of a Constituent Organisation different from the one in which a candidate is being trained, provided the Constituent Organisation or Institute to which the candidate is applying satisfies itself by appropriate means that the IPA Member conducting the training analysis is competent to carry out this task for this candidate.

ADVANCED ENTRY SCHEMES (AES)

11. Constituent organisations that have autonomy over their own training programmes are authorised to add an Advanced Entry Scheme (AES) to their current training programme. No approval is required for the implementation of such a scheme. However all AES to IPA training programmes must comply with the training model requirements of the Society concerned, and the Society must satisfy itself that the equivalency was at an appropriate level.

CONCENTRATED ANALYSIS

12. Standard IPA training requirements as described in the appendix to this document are limited to one psychoanalytic session per day. However, when, in the opinion of the delegated bodies listed below, time and/or distance considerations place an undue burden on the candidate, the IPA allows concentrated analysis to the following requirements authorised according to the following procedures.

13. The IPA requirements for concentrated training analyses are:

- a) a maximum of two sessions per day;
- b) such sessions should not be continuous;
- c) they may be conducted on as many days per week as the analyst and candidate shall agree is appropriate;
- d) the IPA's requirements concerning numbers of sessions and the length of the analysis outlined in the appendix to this document should be adhered to.

DELEGATED AUTHORITIES REGARDING CONCENTRATED ANALYSIS

14. The IPA Board delegates authority to the following to consider, approve, reject or refer back applications on a case-by-case basis from IPA Members to conduct concentrated training analyses provided the above requirements are met.

- a) The International New Groups Committee is authorised to approve concentrated training analyses to be carried out by IPA Direct Members who are not members of Study Groups or under the auspices of the Psychoanalytic Institute for Eastern Europe (PIEE) or the Latin American Psychoanalytic Institute (ILAP).
- b) The PIEE and ILAP are authorised to approve concentrated training analyses to be carried out by IPA Direct Members under the auspices of the PIEE or ILAP who are not members of IPA Study Groups.
- c) IPA Sponsoring, Facilitating and Liaison Committees are authorised to approve concentrated training analyses to be carried out by IPA Members of Study Groups or Provisional Societies.
- d) IPA Component Societies and the Regional Association are authorised to approve concentrated training analyses to be carried out by IPA Members of their respective Component Societies or the Regional Association.

APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS REGARDING CONCENTRATED ANALYSIS

15. The above bodies must inform IPA Members applying to conduct concentrated analysis of their right to appeal in cases where applications are rejected. Appeals against decisions of the International New Groups Committee shall be made to the IPA Executive Committee. Appeals against decisions of IPA Sponsoring, Facilitating and Liaison Committees, the Boards of the PIEE and ILAP, Component Societies and the Regional Association shall be made to the International New Groups Committee.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

16. Courses and seminars should be conducted in accordance with the requirements within the training model adopted by the Constituent Organisation or Institute as described in the appendix to this document.

17. However, they must include:

- a) discussions of the writings of Sigmund Freud and of other psychoanalytic literature covering theoretical concepts, clinical problems and techniques of psychoanalysis;
- b) discussions based on clinical experience, and
- c) discussions of the principles of ethics which apply to all IPA Members and candidates and are listed in the Procedural Code entry Ethical Principles and Procedures, under Principles 2B 'For All Psychoanalysts and Candidates'.

SUPERVISIONS

18. Supervisions should be conducted in accordance with the requirements within the training model adopted by the Constituent Organisation or Institute as described in the appendix to this document. However completion of at least two acceptable supervisions of psychoanalytic treatment of adults is required. Three may be preferable in the case of candidates who have little clinical background and experience.

19. Permission to begin psychoanalytic treatments under supervision should be given by a group consisting of several analysts who have been officially delegated to carry out this responsibility by the Constituent Organisation or Institute in which the candidate is being trained. Members of such a group should themselves be recognised by their Constituent Organisation or Institute as being competent to conduct analyses of candidates and/or supervise the treatment of adults in analysis.

20. Supervisions must be conducted by analysts, other than the candidate's analyst, who have been designated for this function by their Constituent Organisations or Institutes.

21. Each supervision should continue for at least 2 years with a frequency of supervisory sessions of normally once a week for at least 40 supervisory sessions per year.

QUALIFICATION

22. Evaluation of a candidate's competence to undertake psychoanalytic treatments without supervision should be made by a group officially charged with this responsibility and which officially represents the Constituent Organisation or Institute.

23. The evaluation must include:

- a) An assessment of the candidate's compliance with the formal requirements within the training model adopted by the Constituent Organisation or Institute as described in the appendix to this document.
- b) An assessment of the candidate's aptitudes, capacities and personal qualities as well as his or her demonstrated understanding of and interest in psychoanalysis as a method of treatment.
- c) An assessment of the candidate's knowledge of and capacity to comply with the IPA's Principles of Ethics 2B 'For All Psychoanalysts and Candidates' listed in the IPA Procedural Code entry 'Ethical Principles and Procedures'.

MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO 23RD JULY 1975

24. Membership of the IPA was automatically granted to qualified Members of Constituent Organisations

which were recognised by the IPA before 23 July 1975.

Change Log

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APPENDIX PART A: CONCEPTUAL BASIS OF THE THREE MODELS

APPENDIX PART B: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THREE MODELS

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