

New Hampshire Psychological Association
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Article III-IV Membership and Loss and Restoration of Membership
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ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATE STATUS

1. In the context of this Article, the term “work” shall refer to full-time or part-time engagement and/or maintaining licensure in the provision of psychological research, psychology teaching, psychological consultation, or clinical psychological services.
2. The Association shall offer the following classes of membership: Full Member, Semi-Retired or Retired Member, Emeritus Member, Early Career Member, Associate Member, Out-of-State Member, Affiliate Member, Student Member, and Institutional Member.
3. Full Members shall reside or work in New Hampshire, shall at the time of application be engaged in professional work that is primarily psychological in nature, and shall possess a doctoral degree in psychology or a closely related field. This doctoral degree shall be:
 - a. based in part upon a psychological dissertation or other evidence of proficiency in psychological scholarship; and
 - b. awarded by a regionally accredited graduate or professional school, or by a graduate or professional school that achieved such accreditation within the five (5) years subsequent to the award of the degree in question, or by a foreign institution with academic requirements essentially similar to those of a regionally accredited graduate or professional school.

Full Members shall be eligible to vote in the Association’s elections, on its ballots, and at its Annual Meetings; shall be eligible to chair or otherwise serve as voting members of the Association’s committees if appointed thereto; and shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors if elected thereto.

4. Semi-Retired or Retired Members are Full Members who have retired or partially retired from professional work that is primarily psychological in nature.
5. Emeritus Members are Retired Members who have maintained membership for the full fifteen (15) years immediately preceding retirement, and whose retirement was not occasioned by circumstances warranting loss of membership. Emeritus Members shall retain their eligibility for Emeritus status even when, subsequent to attaining such status, they may establish residency outside of New Hampshire.
6. Early Career Members are Full Members who are within seven (7) years of receiving their doctoral degree.

7. Associate Members shall reside or work in New Hampshire, shall at the time of application be engaged in professional work that is primarily psychological in nature, and shall:
 - a. possess a master's degree in psychology or a closely related field, awarded by a regionally accredited graduate or professional school;
 - b. possess a master's degree in psychology or a closely related field, awarded by a foreign institution with academic requirements essentially similar to those of a regionally accredited graduate or professional school;
 - c. have completed two (2) full years of study in psychology or a closely related field, conducted at a regionally accredited graduate or professional school; or
 - d. have completed two (2) full years of study in psychology or a closely related field, conducted at a foreign institution with academic requirements essentially similar to those of a regionally accredited graduate or professional school.

Associate members shall be eligible to serve and vote on the Association's committees if appointed thereto, but shall not be eligible to chair committees; vote in the Association's elections, on its ballots, or at its Annual Meetings; or serve on the Board of Directors.

No person qualified to join the Association as a Full Member shall be eligible to join the Association as an Associate Member.

8. Out-of-State Members shall be persons who do not qualify as Full or Associate Members solely due to the fact that they currently neither reside nor work in New Hampshire. Out-of-State Members shall be eligible to serve on and vote on the Association's committees if appointed thereto, but shall not be eligible to chair committees; vote in the Association's elections, on its ballots, or at its Annual Meetings; or serve on the Board of Directors.
9. Affiliate Members shall be persons who do not qualify for any other membership status, but have a strong connection to the mental health community. Applications for Affiliate Member status shall be approved by the NHPA Board of Directors at their discretion. Affiliate Members will be eligible to serve on and vote on the Association's committees if appointed thereto, but shall not be eligible to chair committees; vote in the Association's elections, on its ballots, or at its Annual Meetings; or serve on the Board of Directors.
10. Student Members shall be persons currently enrolled in regionally accredited colleges or universities, who are granted membership status on the basis of an approved application to the Board of Directors. They shall enjoy such privileges as may be granted by the Board of Directors.
11. Institutional Members. Academic Institutions and Human Services Organizations may apply for membership within the Association. Applications for Institutional Members status shall be approved by the NHPA Board of Directors. Institutional Members may have individuals under their membership. These individuals may participate in Association activities based on member-level eligibility criteria.

ARTICLE IV: LOSS AND RESTORATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member may be expelled from membership in the Association as a result of one or more of the following:
 - a. At the discretion and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for unprofessional conduct, such as conduct that could result in the loss or surrendering of licensure to practice psychology in New Hampshire.
 - b. failure to respond in writing within thirty (30) days of the mailing of a notice of failure to pay Association dues; or
 - c. failure to pay within thirty (30) days of its due date any dues installment pursuant to a grant of relief as described in Article IX.5.
2. Any former members who were expelled or who resigned from Association membership may re-apply for membership.

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