



NON-PRACTISING CATEGORY OF SUBSCRIPTION

The scheme aims to help members retain membership of The British Dietetic Association and to keep themselves up-to-date with current information while taking a break from work. The minimum length of the non-practising category of subscription, in most cases, is one year.*

As a non-practising member you will receive all membership rights except the BDA's Professional Indemnity Insurance. You will be entitled to vote on professional matters but not on Industrial Relations ones. The scheme may only be used by members on unpaid breaks from work to care for children or elderly relatives, or undertaking further study, or are unemployed or who are made redundant, or those not working on compassionate grounds (such as the serious illness of oneself, a partner or a child). Members who are currently working either full or part time (even if outside dietetics,) or taking early retirement are not eligible.

In all other categories, the BDA's membership year begins on 1 March. However, we recognise that when applying for non-practising status, you may be in unpredictable or challenging circumstances so we would endeavour to work with you to make it as easy as possible for you. All applications for this category will need to be agreed prior to the 1 March and all you need to do is let us know whether you have a date in mind for it to end. As a standard procedure, we will also contact you annually, in November, so that you can complete a declaration form confirming your ongoing non-practising status, or let us know that you intend to return to full membership should your circumstances change.

If you consider you are eligible to apply for the non-practising category of subscription, please complete and return the tear-off slip below. This will confirm that you accept the conditions of the scheme.

NB: In the event of members taking up paid employment again, the BDA Office must be notified. Conversion to full membership can be arranged immediately so that Professional Indemnity Insurance can be reinstated. The same applies to other changes in your circumstance. The balance of the membership fee required will be calculated on a pro rata basis for the remainder of the year, less the amount paid under the non-practising category.

Applicants applying under this category *must* fulfil the non-practising criteria. If your circumstances change (for example, if you become employed) you must let us know. The BDA reserves the right to take appropriate action against individuals who provide false information.

Send to: Pauline Cotterill, Membership Co-ordinator, The British Dietetic Association, 5th Floor, Charles House, 148/9 Great Charles Street Queensway, Birmingham B3 3HT.

I wish to apply for/continue with the Non-Practising Member Category because:

I confirm I am not practising as a Registered Dietitian. I also confirm that I will not be undertaking any paid employment of any kind nor receiving maternity pay whilst paying the reduced rate for Non-Practising Members.

I understand that my subscription will **not** include Professional Indemnity Insurance.

Name _____ Membership Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

* The one exception is for Members who are taking unpaid maternity leave.