**GUIDELINES – BWY ASSOCIATE TEACHER MEMBERSHIP**

The purpose of these guidelines is to explain the process for registration as a BWY Associate Teacher.

**Guidance for BWY Associate Teachers**

In order to be eligible for a BWY Associate Teacher applicants will need to have met the criteria listed below.

**Criteria for BWY Associate Teacher Membership**

BWY Associate Teachers are required to have met the minimum requirement below;

* Completed, as a minimum, a 300hour Yoga Teacher Qualification\* with a reputable school. Where a minimum of 160 Guided Learning Hours (GLH), which were delivered face to face either in person or online, were completed.
* Completed a minimum of 150 hours teaching practice, either during or after completion of your Yoga Teaching Qualification, over a three-year period.
* Completed a minimum of 45 relevant hours of CPD over the last three years.

\**If your qualification is under the required 300hours, but you feel you have suitable/extensive experience within teaching, please do contact us and we will look at your application and qualifications, and will advise you accordingly. Where the initial certification does not meet the GLH, in person CPD completed since certification will be taken into consideration.*

* Those teachers who have completed the BWYQ Level 4 Award in Understanding the Principles of Adapting Yoga for Older Adults or the BWYQ Level 4 Certificate in Teaching Gentle Years Yoga course will be eligible for the BWY Associate Teacher Membership, and do not need to complete an application form.
* Those teachers who are enrolled on or have completed the BWYQ L3 Technical Specialist Qualifications in Teaching Postnatal Yoga for Mums & Babies (Award), Teaching Antenatal Yoga (Award), and Teaching Mindbody Exercises to Older Adults (Award), will be eligible for the BWY Associate Teacher Membership, and do not need to complete an application form.

Each application with be reviewed by the membership team. If your application does not meet the criteria above, we would be happy to help you identify CPD/ training courses to help you meet our requirements.

If you feel you meet the criteria, you will need to contact the BWY Central Office ([office@bwy.org.uk](mailto:office@bwy.org.uk)) with the completed application form below. Once your application has been approved, you will be instructed to complete the membership process on the BWY Website, guidance will be given on this process.

You will need to agree to the following CPD terms and conditions, and provide the documentation listed below to support your application;

* Agree to gain 15 CPD points + 5 additional points in the first year of registration, and gain 15 CPD points in every year thereafter (as required by all teacher members). Details of our CPD policy are available on request.
* Provide email evidence of your relevant teaching qualification/s
* Provide proof of first aid certificate
* You will need to confirm that you acknowledge the requirement to become familiar with current BWY policies and procedures (by signing and returning the agreement), and agree to abide by these.

**Costs**

BWY Associate Teachers Membership Fee (to be advised by Central Office).

**Possible progression/career routes within the British Wheel of Yoga**

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| **CPD / Short Courses Tutor** | **Foundation Course Tutor** | **Diploma Course Tutor** |
| You are able to apply to deliver a CPD event or BWY Short Course as soon as you become a BWY Associate Teacher | 1 year after joining as a BWY Associate Teacher you will be able to apply for the BWY Foundation Course Tutor Training course, to become a BWY Foundation Course Tutor | To apply to the Diploma Course Tutor training, you will need to have completed the BWY Foundation Course Tutor Training, and taught at least one Foundation Course, and completed the BWY Advanced Integration Course |

**APPLICATION FORM FOR BWY Associate Teacher**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

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Number of Years Teaching:

Please list details of your Yoga Teacher Training below:

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Information on your training school / training organisation:

Please provide a link to the training schools website (if available), or a course outline/ syllabus and an outline of the assessments (Please provide these if this information is not readily available on the school website):

Please provide details of the teaching practice you have gained over the last three years. Please note you will need to have completed a minimum of 150 hours to be eligible for the Associate Teacher Membership.

Please list CPD record/evidence covering the last 3 years. Provide date, event title, and name of tutor, if known.

Please list any further study/qualifications taken that you think would be relevant for your application:

Please provide a summary of your weekly/regular class attendance and personal practice:

Along with the information above, you will need to provide a signed letter of support from the Yoga School the Training was completed, confirming this contained a minimum of 160 GLH\*\*, which were delivered face to face either in person or online.

**Note**: distance learning, e-learning modules etc cannot count towards the GLH*.*

*\*\*where an initial certification does not meet the GLH requirements, in person CPD completed since certification will be taken into consideration.*

Please submit your application, along with proof of your teaching qualification/s, a copy of your First Aid Certificate, Letter of Support from your Trainer/Training Company, and a Signed Policy Agreement to the BWY Office – office@bwy.org.uk

**Office use only:**

□ First Aid certificate

□ Evidence of teaching certificate/diploma

□ Letter of support

□ Signed Agreement re. BWY policies