

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

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OsEAN welcomes applications from institutions and individuals involved in osteopathic education and training.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please follow the steps bellow.

Note that **OsEAN's working language is English**, and all application documents should be submitted in English.

Membership Types

Core Membership

Core membership is open to European osteopathic education institutions that are certified under the [European Norm 16686 – Osteopathic Healthcare Provision](#). Certification ensures that the institution meets quality standards in education, clinical training, and professional practice.

- Institutions already audited and certified by any recognised European certification body may apply.
- A separate OsEAN audit is not required if valid certification is presented.
- Core members hold full voting rights in the General Meeting and actively contribute to the strategic direction of OsEAN.

Who is eligible?

European osteopathic training institutions with valid EN 16686 certification (or equivalent).

Voting rights: Yes

Certification required: Yes

Participation in activities and projects: Full

Affiliated Membership

Affiliated membership is available to institutions that do not meet the core membership criteria but are actively involved in osteopathic education. This includes:

- European institutions not (yet) certified by EN 16686
- Institutions based outside of Europe
- Institutions offering postgraduate education for osteopaths

Affiliated members have access to OsEAN events and working groups but do not have voting rights in the General Meeting. Importantly, no audit is required for affiliated members.

Who is eligible?

Non-certified European schools, international schools, postgraduate course providers.

Voting rights: No

Audit required: No

Participation in activities and projects: Full

Individual Membership

Individual membership is designed for osteopaths actively engaged in teaching, either as lecturers, tutors, assistants, or instructors.

To be eligible, an individual must be involved in teaching at least one course per year. This membership connects osteopathic educators across institutions and borders, providing access to OsEAN's training programs, working groups, and conferences.

Who is eligible?

Osteopaths involved in teaching at least one course annually.

Voting rights: No

Audit required: No

Participation in activities and projects: Full

Application process

Core & Affiliated Membership

Step 1 – Submit Your Application

Organisations interested in joining OsEAN are invited to send their full application directly via email to office@osean.com. If you have any questions about the process or the documents required, feel free to contact us — we're happy to help.

The application for membership should include the following:

- a. Form I – “*OsEAN member profile for Full Time School*” completed, **or** Form II – “*OsEAN member profile for Part Time School*” completed.
- b. Form III – “*Form III - OsEAN member profile Curriculum*” completed.
- c. Organigram of the school board.
- d. Short CV of heads of department, plus list of lecturers and their educational background.
- e. Plan of the school and its premises.
- f. A proof of the business status (private or public school, company, society etc.);
- g. A proof of Quality Certification if available.
- h. A proof of any accreditation (Ministry, University, Hospital etc.) when applicable.

Once received, the OsEAN Office will check your application for completeness and forward it to the Membership Committee, who will review the materials before inviting you to proceed to Step 2.

Step 2 – Present Your School

Once your application has been reviewed, you'll be invited to present your school at an OsEAN All Members Meeting. This is a chance to introduce your institution, share your approach to osteopathic education, and answer any questions from current members.

Step 3 – Membership Decision

After your presentation, OsEAN's core members will vote on your application during the General Meeting.

Membership is granted with a simple majority vote of the core member representatives, in accordance with Article 5 of the OsEAN Bylaws.

Please note that, as stated in the bylaws, applications may be declined without a specific reason being given.

Applying for Individual Membership

Individual membership is open to professionals involved in teaching at an osteopathic institution. Applicants do not need to be osteopaths but must be actively engaged in delivering educational content relevant to osteopathic training.

Applicants must provide:

- a. Proof of teaching activity at an osteopathic institution
 - For freelancers: at least one course per year
 - For employed staff: confirmation of employment
- b. A relevant diploma (not limited to osteopathy)

All individual membership applications are reviewed and subject to approval by vote of the OsEAN board.

To apply, please send the required documents mentioned above to the OsEAN Office.

Join OsEAN and be part of a growing international community of committed educators and institutions that value collaboration, quality, and innovation and are working together to advance osteopathic education across Europe and beyond.