

Patoss, the Professional Association of Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties, was formed in 1987 and remains the only professional organisation for teachers in the field of SpLD. Through annual conferences, local groups and publications it works to maintain high standards of knowledge and skills among members, monitoring developments in the areas of research into dyslexia and related disorders, teaching methods and resources.

Patoss aims to promote links with all sectors of education and other professionals with an interest in SpLD. The Association welcomes membership applications from suitably qualified professionals working with learners of any age and at any stage of education or training.

Patoss offers:

- Index of Tutors; Resources List
- Legal Helpline run by specialists
- Professional Indemnity Insurance as a benefit for suitably qualified members
- Regular Newsletters and Bulletins
- Other publications relevant to the field of SpLD
- Web Site linked to other organisations offering help, advice or equipment for dyslexics and teachers
- Annual Conference
- CPD Training
- Professional advice Helpline by email on a range of SpLD topics
- Individual membership and Corporate membership for schools, colleges and other organisations with an interest in SpLD

Aims of Patoss:

The aims of Patoss are to establish and maintain the professional status of persons qualified to teach students with specific learning difficulties by:

- (a) giving a professional corporate response to appropriate government departments and agencies on matters affecting individuals with specific learning difficulties
- (b) enabling members to update and extend their knowledge and skills and to exchange ideas through an annual conference, bulletins and local groups; and
- (c) promoting the continued provision and development of appropriate specialist qualifications in the assessment, teaching and support of individuals with specific learning difficulties;

Promote fuller understanding and recognition of specific learning difficulties by:

- (a) encouraging research into specific learning difficulties at all levels and disseminating the results of this research
- (b) promoting greater understanding and recognition of specific learning difficulties and sharing knowledge, awareness and understanding of the same at all levels;
- (c) promoting links with teachers in all sectors of education working with individuals with specific learning difficulties;
- (d) encouraging the development of the teaching of individuals with specific learning difficulties at all levels; and
- (e) promoting communication and mutual respect between practitioners, researchers and others engaged and interested in this field.

We welcome new members and hope that you will apply to join

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please read carefully before completing the Application Form

◆Full Member (F)

Individuals who hold a specialist qualification approved by the Board in the **teaching and assessment** of individuals with Specific Learning Difficulties shall be known as Full Members.

Approved qualifications shall be at least at post graduate level or equivalent or be accredited by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) for Associate Membership of the British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA) or recognised by SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC). These individuals are qualified to provide diagnostic assessments and teach people with Specific Learning Difficulties.

Full Members may apply for the Practising Certificate. Full members must carry Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) to be included in the Index of Tutors and Assessors.

Full Membership entitles the member to full voting rights at Annual General Meetings, the option to carry Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII), the option to be included in the Index of Tutors and Assessors, plus the range of PATOSS publications, reduced fees to PATOSS national conference and local events, access to the Legal Helpline and a range of other PATOSS services.

Annual subscription - £60.00 or £81.25 (insurance option)*

***This amount is paid directly to Patoss. Those joining as Full Members (F) will receive information about the Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) cover and a proposal form from the Insurers then a further amount, currently £79.50 (£75 insurance premium + £4.50 insurance premium tax), will be payable directly to the insurers.**

◆Associate Member (A)

Individuals who hold a specialist qualification approved by the Board in the **teaching** of individuals with Specific Learning Difficulties shall be known as Associate Members.

Approved qualifications shall be recognised by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) for BDA Approved Teacher Status (BDA ATS). These individuals are qualified to teach and assess for establishing and reviewing a teaching programme for people with Specific Learning Difficulties.

Associate members included in the Index of Tutors and Assessors must carry Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII).

Associate Membership gives the member the option to carry Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII), the option to be included in the Index of Tutors and Assessors. Associate membership entitles the members to a range of PATOSS publications, reduced fees to PATOSS national conferences and local events, access to the Legal Helpline and a range of other PATOSS services. Associate Membership does not entitle the member to voting rights at Annual General Meetings.

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◆Affiliate Professional Member (AP)

Individuals who have an allied professional qualification (not SpLD) and have a professional involvement in Specific Learning Difficulties shall be known as Affiliate Professional Members. Affiliate Professional Members could be, for example, an Educational, Clinical or Chartered Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist.

This membership entitles the member to a range of PATOSS publications, reduced fees to PATOSS national conferences and local events, access to the Legal Helpline and a range of other PATOSS services. Affiliate Professional Membership does not entitle the member to voting rights at Annual General Meetings.

Affiliate Professional Members are not entitled to Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII).

Annual subscription - £50.00

◆Student Member (S)

Individuals who are students registered on a course leading to a specialist qualification approved by the Board in the teaching or assessing of individuals with Specific Learning Difficulties shall be known as Student Members. This membership is available for a period of 2 years for the initial qualifying SpLD course.

This membership entitles the member to a range of PATOSS publications, reduced fees to PATOSS national conferences and local events, access to the Legal Helpline and a range of other PATOSS services. Student Membership does not entitle the member to voting rights at Annual General Meetings.

Student Members are not entitled to Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) and do not appear in the Index of Tutors and Assessors.

Annual subscription - £40.00

◆Supporting Member (SP)

Individuals who do not meet any of the above criteria but do, however, have an interest in SpLD and wish to support the aims and activities of PATOSS shall be known as Supporting Members.

Supporting Members are entitled to a range of PATOSS publications, reduced fees to PATOSS national conferences and local events access to the Legal Helpline and a range of other PATOSS services. Supporting Membership does not entitle the member to voting rights at Annual General Meetings.

Supporting Members are not entitled to Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) and do not appear in the Index of Tutors and Assessors.

Annual subscription - £40.00

◆Corporate Member (C)

Schools, Colleges and Universities, dyslexia associations and other organisations acceptable to the Board shall be known as Corporate Members.

Corporate Members are entitled to a range of PATOSS publications, reduced fees to PATOSS national conferences and local events for two individuals, and a range of other PATOSS services.

Corporate Members are not entitled to Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) and do not appear in the Index of Tutor and Assessors. Corporate Membership does not entitle the member to voting rights at Annual General Meetings.

Corporate Members, as such, cannot apply for SpLD Assessment Practising Certificates (SpLD APC). (SpLD APCs are available with individual membership only.)

Annual subscription - £125.00

◆Overseas Member

Overseas Membership is available for all membership categories.

Overseas Members are entitled to the range of PATOSS publications, reduced fees to PATOSS national conferences and local events. Overseas Members are **NOT** covered by PATOSS Professional Indemnity Insurance or the Legal Helpline.

Overseas Membership costs the membership fee quoted for the appropriate level as noted above PLUS an additional £25.00 sterling to cover postage and handling charges.



Membership Application Form – NEW applications

Please complete all relevant sections on all pages of the form and include a passport sized photograph and return to
The Membership Secretary **Patoss** Ltd. PO Box 10, Evesham, Worcs WR11 1ZW

Becoming a member of Patoss will indicate that you have read and agree to abide by the Patoss Code of Ethics. If you have not received this, please look at our web site www.patoss-dyslexia.org or contact the Patoss Office to request a copy.

Personal Details: (please complete in block capitals)

LAST NAME		TITLE
FIRST NAME		
ADDRESS		
POSTCODE		
Please indicate your preferred contact telephone number		<input type="checkbox"/> Tel: (home)
<input type="checkbox"/> Tel: (mobile)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tel: (work)	
Email:		

Full & Associate Membership: Specialist SpLD Qualifications

All applicants for **Full or Associate Membership** must supply copies of relevant SpLD qualifications. Please note we are unable to process your membership application without these copies. A Pass Slip will be accepted if you have not yet received your certificate/diploma.

TITLE OF QUALIFICATION	AWARDING BODY or INSTITUTION	DATE AWARDED

Affiliate Professional Membership: Relevant Professional Qualifications

All applicants for **Affiliate Professional Membership** must supply copies of relevant qualifications. Please note we are unable to process your membership application without these copies.

TITLE OF QUALIFICATION	AWARDING BODY or INSTITUTION	DATE AWARDED

Student Membership:

PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF THE SpLD QUALIFICATION YOU ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING:

COURSE:

CENTRE:

START DATE:

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE:

Corporate Membership:

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CORPORATE ACTIVITIES; INVOLVEMENT IN DYSLEXIA / SpLD SERVICES; and YOUR WEB ADDRESS:

Supporting Membership:

PLEASE GIVE BRIEF DETAILS OF YOUR INTEREST IN SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES:

Registration for the Index of Tutors and Assessors: [open to Full, Associate and Affiliate Professional Members only]

Please note that you will **only** appear in the Index if you register. If you wish to be included you must have **Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII)**. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS. Please note that by registering to be included in the Index you are giving permission for your details to be passed to members of the public who may be seeking a tutor/assessor. All contact details given above will be included in the Index unless you indicate otherwise.

PLEASE INDICATE ANY CONTACT DETAILS **NOT** TO BE INCLUDED:

AGE RANGE/S YOU PREFER TO TUTOR/ASSESS:

Primary

Secondary

Further Education

Higher Education

Adult/Workplace

DO YOU PROVIDE:

Tuition

Study Skills

Maths

Full Diagnostic Assessments

Assessments for Access Arrangements

Assessment for Establishing/Reviewing a Teaching Programme

TRAVEL DISTANCE

OTHER SPECIALTIES:

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QUALIFICATIONS:

PLEASE NOTE: You must supply copies of all qualifications you wish to be listed in the Index. Patoss reserves the right to edit listings.

Current Employment: (not necessary for Corporate Membership)

Self-Employed Employed by:

Recognising that many of you have more than one job, please complete the sections for both your main and any subsidiary job.

1. WHERE DO YOU WORK?

	Main	Subsidiary
LA School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LA Support Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higher Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independent School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult/Workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE

	Main	Subsidiary
Class Subject Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SENCo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SpLD Specialist Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SpLD Assessor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SpLD Trainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chartered Psychologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practitioner Psychologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational Psychologist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speech & Language Therapist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Optometrist/Oculist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Researcher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)		

3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT

Full Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. AGE RANGE YOU WORK WITH

Infants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

Patoss Ltd operates in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Personal information given on this application form will be stored on an internal database. This information will be used to send you Patoss publications, details of conferences and training opportunities run by Patoss, and other relevant information from time to time. We will not pass on personal information to third parties unless you have expressly given permission, for example by choosing to be listed in the Index of Tutors and Assessors. By signing this form you are giving consent for your personal information to be stored and used in the manner described above.

I (please print your name)

of

(please print your address, if different from above)

apply for membership of Patoss, the Professional Association of Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties, a company limited by guarantee.

I undertake to contribute such amount as may be required [not exceeding £1.00 (one pound)] to the assets of the Company if it should be wound up while I am a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before I cease to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among ourselves.

SIGNED: **DATE:**

Please indicate the category of membership for which you are applying –

- Full Member **£60.00**
- Full Member (with option to join PII scheme) **£81.25**
- Associate Member **£60.00**
- Associate Member (with option to join PII scheme) **£81.25**
- Affiliate Professional Member **£50.00**
- Student Member **£40.00**
- Supporting Member **£40.00**
- Corporate Member **£125.00**
- Overseas Members please add surcharge of £25.00**

OFFICE USE ONLY			
DATE RECD:	MSHIP NO:		
QUALS RECD:	PAYMENT AMOUNT/ METHOD:		
YES NO			
PHOTO RECD:	TI	PII	
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	

Payment by Cheque / Credit or Debit Card

I enclose a cheque for £ payable to **Patoss Ltd**

Please debit my MasterCard / Visa / Delta / Switch Maestro / Other (Please note we are unable to accept American Express)

Card no:

Start date: Expiry date: Switch Maestro Issue no:

Signature: Date:

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

Please complete the whole form using a ball point pen and return to: **Patoss Ltd, PO Box 10, Evesham, Worcs WR11 1ZW**

Name and Address of your Bank or Building Society

Originator's Identification Number:



To The Manager	Bank/Building Society
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Address	
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Post Code	

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Reference (for office use only)

Branch Sort Code

Bank/Building Society account number

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Patoss Ltd Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction, subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Patoss Ltd and, if so, the details will be passed electronically to my

Bank/Building Society.

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Signature(s)

Date

Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of accounts

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This guarantee should be detached and retained by the Payer

The Direct Debit Guarantee



- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Patoss Ltd will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Patoss Ltd to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by Patoss Ltd or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
 - if you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Patoss Ltd asks you to
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify Patoss Ltd.

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Please complete payment information on page 7.

Your completed application form and photograph should be sent to

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WR11 1ZW

Tel: 01386 712650
Fax: 01386 712716

Email: patoss@sworcs.ac.uk

Web: www.patoss-dyslexia.org

Please be sure to include:

- **A completed and signed application form**
 - **Copies of all relevant qualifications**
 - **The appropriate fee**
 - **A recent passport-sized photograph** (not required for Corporate Membership applications)
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Applications for Assessment Practising Certificate and/or Teaching Practising Certificate

If you also wish to apply for the Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) or the Teaching Practising Certificate (TPC) please complete the appropriate application forms, which can be downloaded from our website at

For the APC
<http://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/APCAPC.html>

For the TPC
<http://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/TPCApplicationGuidance.html>

Please be sure to include all additional documentation and information requested. Refer to guidance on the website for further details.