



WORLD FEDERATION OF  
**CHIROPRACTIC**

FÉDÉRATION MONDIALE DE  
**CHIROPRACTIQUE**

FEDERACIÓN MUNDIAL DE  
**QUIROPRÁCTICA**

# **Application to become a National Member Association of the World Federation of Chiropractic**

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A non-governmental organisation in official relations with the World Health Organization  
Organisation non gouvernementale en relations officielles avec l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé  
Organización no gubernamental en relaciones oficiales con la Organización Mundial de la Salud

## **Introduction**

Welcome to the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC). The WFC was established in 1988 as an international organisation for the chiropractic profession. It currently has over 90 national association members across seven world regions.

The WFC exists to serve as the international voice of the chiropractic profession. Its strategic pillars are support, empowerment, promotion and advancement. Since 1997, it has been a non-state actor in official relations with the World Health Organization.

Many individuals and organisations support the work of the WFC as supporters and corporate partners. The WFC also collaborates with regional chiropractic federations and international federations representing other healthcare professions.

## **Membership criteria**

The business of the WFC is run according to its Bylaws. Article 3 of the Bylaws relates to Members.

To become a WFC Member, an organisation must fulfil the following criteria:

- It must be a national association of chiropractors;
- It must limit its voting members to chiropractors (chiropractic students shall be deemed to be chiropractors for the purposes of this section);
- It is broadly representative of chiropractors within the relevant country; and
- Have paid the applicable membership dues and met other requirements for recognized membership in accordance with the Membership Policy adopted by the WFC Board of Directors (“the Board”) from time to time.

Other than Founding Members of the WFC, there shall be only one Member from each country.

## **Membership Dues**

The amount of dues for all members shall be determined by the Board, subject to ratification by the WFC Annual Meeting of Members.

All dues for WFC Members shall be assessed on an annual basis for each calendar year and shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of January in each year or alternatively by equal quarterly payments on the first day of each of January, April, July and October. No Constituent

member shall be permitted to vote at an Annual Meeting of Members unless the dues of the member shall have been paid in full prior to the relevant Annual Meeting of Members.

### **Duties of WFC Members**

WFC Members are expected to do all in their power to promote a knowledge of, and an active interest in, the objectives and work of the WFC. They shall reply to all enquiries and questionnaires from the WFC in a timely manner and/or within the time limit specified by the Board or its representatives and must keep the WFC informed of any events or developments in its country. By submitting a membership application and continuing in membership, Members agree to observe the provisions of the WFC's Rights and Responsibilities document.

### **Withdrawal**

As set out in section 3.2 of the Bylaws, a Member may withdraw from the WFC by delivering a written resignation and lodging a copy of the same with the Secretary-General. A Member choosing to terminate its membership shall give notice in writing to the WFC and shall be liable for dues up to and including the year in which the notice is given.

### **Misconduct**

Upon the grounds that the conduct or policy of a Member is detrimental to the honor or interests or the chiropractic profession, or is calculated to bring the profession into disrepute, the Board may discipline or provisionally terminate the membership of a member provided that the final termination of membership of a Member pursuant to section 3.3 of the Bylaws requires the affirmative vote of Members voting and present at an Annual Meeting of Members or Special Meeting convened for this purpose.

### **Non-payment of dues**

In the event that a Member has not paid dues for two consecutive calendar years, the Secretary-General shall formally notify the member in writing that membership may be terminated unless payment is received.

### **Voting**

Members shall be granted votes at the Assembly in proportion to the number of members (set out at section 3.6 of the Bylaws). They shall also be eligible to nominate members to serve on the WFC Council subject to elections.

Further information about the WFC can be found at its website, [www.wfc.org](http://www.wfc.org)

## NATIONAL MEMBER ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM

1. NAME OF COUNTRY:

2. NAME OF ASSOCIATION:

3. ASSOCIATION ADDRESS:

4. ASSOCIATION CONTACT DETAILS  
(Include country + area code where appropriate)

T:

F:

E:

W:

5. CHIEF ELECTED OFFICER:  
(Name & Title, e.g. President)

6. CHIEF STAFF OFFICER:  
(Name & Title, e.g. Executive Director)

7. CURRENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS

## STATEMENT OF APPLICATION

.....(Name of applicant Association)

Hereby applies to join the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) as a Constituent National Association Member and:

(a) Encloses

- Payment in the sum of CAN\$14.00 x ..... members = CAN\$ .....
- (NOTE: minimum member dues for associations of 10 members or fewer is C\$140)
- A list of names and addresses of members of the Association, together with the year and name of the chiropractic school from which they graduated).
- A copy of the Association's Constitution and/or Bylaws (if your Association has no Constitution, the WFC can provide a template to assist in the development of your Constitution).

(b) The Association wishes to be placed in the world region of (check one box)

- Africa      Asia      Eastern Mediterranean  
Europe      Latin America      North America      Pacific

(c) Provides a list of names and addresses of any other chiropractor(s) known to be resident in the country. If none, comment on what steps you have taken to try and locate any other chiropractors

On behalf of the Association, I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read and understood the Bylaws of the World Federation of Chiropractic, and that the Association agrees to support and abide by the objectives of the WFC as set out above. I further declare that the Association represents the majority of chiropractors in the country and that the names and addresses of all other chiropractors in the country known to the Association are filed with this application.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

Signed for and on behalf of the Association by (print name) .....

Position ..... Signature .....

**PLEASE NOTE:** Under the WFC Bylaws, applications for membership may be given interim approval by the WFC Council, but must be ratified by the WFC Membership at the following Annual Meeting of Members.