



WORLD FEDERATION OF  
**CHIROPRACTIC**

FÉDÉRATION MONDIALE DE  
**CHIROPRACTIQUE**

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**QUIROPRÁCTICA**

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

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## **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 88 full country members throughout the world in seven world regions.

The WFC exists to help advance the chiropractic profession. Its work focuses on four key pillars: support, empowerment, promotion and unity. Since 1997 it has been a non-governmental organisation (NGO) in official relations with the World Health Organization.

Many individuals and organisations support the work of the WFC as associate members. The WFC also collaborates with a range of other federations representing other healthcare professions.

## **Membership criteria**

The business of the WFC is run according to its Bylaws. Section 11 of the Bylaws relates to Membership.

To become a Constituent (country) 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.

Other than in exceptional circumstances, there shall be only one Constituent Member from each country.

## **Membership Dues**

The amount of dues for all members shall be determined by the Council, subject to ratification by the WFC Assembly.

All dues for Constituent 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 participate in an Assembly unless the dues of the member shall have been paid in full prior to the relevant Assembly.

### **Duties of Constituent Members**

Constituent Members must do all in their power to promote a knowledge of, and an active interest in, the objectives and work of the WFC. They must reply to all inquiries and questionnaires from the WFC as quickly as possible and/or within the time limit specified by the Council and must keep the WFC informed of any events or developments in its country.

### **Withdrawal**

Any Constituent Member may withdraw from the WFC by delivering a written resignation and lodging a copy of the same with the Secretary-General. A Constituent 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 honour or interests or the chiropractic profession, or is calculated to bring the profession into disrepute, the Council may discipline or provisionally terminate the membership of a member provided that the final termination of membership of a Constituent Member pursuant to this paragraph requires the affirmative vote of two thirds of the members voting and present at an Assembly.

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

In the event that a Constituent Member has not paid dues for two consecutive calendar years, the Secretary-General shall formally notify the member in writing that membership will be automatically terminated unless payment is received within 90 days.

### **Voting**

Constituent Members shall be granted votes at the Assembly in proportion to the number of members. 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).

The Bylaws can be accessed in all three of the WFC's official languages (English, French and Spanish) at the website.

# 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 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 CAD\$12.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ members = CAD\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- A list of names and addresses of members of the Association, together with the year and name of the chiropractic school they graduated from.
- 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 & Middle East  
 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 in Section 6. 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 in Assembly.