

Application process to join the register of Social and Therapeutic Horticulture Practitioners *DRAFT Vs7 8 10 24*

Purpose and aims of the register:

- To register STH practitioners who provide a benefit to public health and wellbeing.
- To maintain an accessible application process that allows all who meet the outlined Core Competencies to join.
- To assess applications using fair and ethical processes.

| Option 1: Training in STH | Option 2: Training in Health/Care with additional evidence of training and/or experience in Horticulture and STH | Option 3: If you do not meet the requirements for application to the register via Option 1 or Option 2, the UK ASTH will consider your application on a case-by-case basis |
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| <p>Apply via this route if you have completed either of the following courses:</p> <p>Diploma in Social and Therapeutic Horticulture Level 5. *</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Professional Development Award in Developing Professional Practice in Therapeutic Horticulture (SCQF level 7) (not yet available but Trellis is hopeful that this qualification will be available from 2025 onwards in Scotland).*</p> <p>AND you have been delivering STH since qualifying for a minimum of 1 years / [hours tbc] hours in practice.</p> | <p>Ofqual level 5 / SCQF level 7 or above in a recognised qualification that equips you to work with individuals and groups with an identified health, care, or educational need in a professional capacity.</p> <p>This may include an HCPC/allied health profession*, General Medical Council (doctor), nursing/midwifery, social care, social work, counselling.</p> <p>AND have horticultural skills/training/experience (for example but not limited to training in horticulture [level to be confirmed], or evidence of self-led learning, or work experience/voluntary work in horticulture throughout all four seasons).</p> | <p>Examples of those applying to the register via Option 3 may include those with international qualifications, or qualifications from non-listed professions e.g horticultural or land-based qualifications, and those who have been working in STH for 5 plus years without being able to register through Option 1 or 2. You will be able to evidence how you meet the Core Competencies of an STH practitioner (see Core Competencies Guidance <i>(to be developed)</i>).</p> <p>AND can provide the evidence of learning and practice detailed below this table.</p> <p>If the registration panel assess that you do not meet the Core Competencies required for registration, you will be provided with advice and guidance on how to do so. This may</p> |

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| <p>AND can provide the evidence of learning and practice detailed below this table.</p> <p>* Other STH qualifications at SCQF level 7 / Ofqual Level 5 or equivalent will be considered as the UK ASTH builds a bank of recognised education/training.</p> | <p>AND have completed either:</p> <p>a. learning at Ofqual Level 5 / SCQF level 7 or equivalent that supports your transition into delivering STH AND can provide a personal account detailing your reflections and learning from this transition.</p> <p>b. 3 years or more / [hours tbc] hours of experience in delivering STH, AND can provide a personal account detailing your reflections and learning from this transition.</p> <p>AND can provide the evidence of learning and practice detailed below this table.</p> <p>*HCPC recognised / allied health professions include: art therapist, music therapist, drama therapist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, psychologist, speech and language therapist.</p> | <p>require you to take part in observed practice (your practice observed/observing the practice of others), reflective accounts, case studies, completion of additional training, research, shadowing, and/or supervision to allow you to reach the standards required to join the register.</p> <p><i>Applications via this Option may result in a higher fee due to time taken to process.</i></p> |
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All applications to join the register will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will include:

Application form with case study and reflective account of time in practice

Certificates of education, training, and learning

Professional References: including from your most recent employer and if not in STH, your most recent work in STH

CV detailing years of experience (voluntary and paid) in delivering STH

Confirmation of your use of professional documentation e.g. assessment template, safeguarding policies, risk assessment processes.

Confirmation that you have appropriate insurance in place

Up-to-date safeguarding training relating to children and adults

You will be required to sign up to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the UK ASTH

Evidence of police checks and a declaration about past criminal convictions (in accordance with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act) (policy and guidance to be developed)

A declaration of whether you have been the subject of a disciplinary process. The ASTH understands that such situations are complex and disclosures will not necessarily affect an application but required for transparency and management of risk.

To comply with CPD and supervision requirement of the register (to be developed)

To comply with the UK ASTH policies on Safeguarding, EDI and Data Protection.

These requirements will be reviewed annually and may be amended as the work of the ASTH progresses and STH practice develops in the UK.