

Joining the Listing of Bodywork for Wellbeing Practitioners

This Guide is for new members and existing members of the Shiatsu Society who have completed a Ratified one-year training (Certificate in Acupressure for Wellbeing / Holistic Acupressure / Bodywork for Wellbeing Mentor) and who wish to be placed on the **Shiatsu Society Listing of Bodywork for Wellbeing Practitioners**.

Inclusion on the Listing (which is a non-searchable regional listing on the SSUK website) requires that you are insured at a **professional level** for this therapy work (Bodywork for Wellbeing or Acupressure).

If you are continuing your Shiatsu studies and have upgraded to Student Advanced membership of the Shiatsu Society (Yr 2 onwards), you will have insurance for practising Shiatsu as a student in your membership fee. However, this does not cover you for practising Acupressure/ Bodywork for Wellbeing at a professional level. To gain this you should **apply to Balens directly to arrange professional level insurance cover for Acupressure/Bodywork for Wellbeing** under Balens' Multi Therapy policy. This cover is available at a discounted rate (currently £17). Balens will require to see a certificate as proof of your qualification. You should follow this link <https://secure.balens.co.uk/schemenewbusiness/SHS0125/S199/default.aspx?h=0x228df5e2> to arrange cover.

If you are NOT continuing Shiatsu studies and wish to go onto the Listing of Bodywork for Wellbeing Practitioners, you should join or upgrade to the new membership category "Bodywork for Wellbeing Practitioner". Professional level insurance for practising Acupressure / Bodywork for Wellbeing is included in the membership fee for this category. Benefits also include receiving the quarterly e-copy of the Shiatsu Journal and monthly e-news, access to the Members' Facebook page, discounts and website resources. Members in this category do not have voting rights at General Meetings.

ALL members wishing to be included on the Listing of Bodywork for Wellbeing Practitioners: once you have either upgraded to Student Advanced or joined / upgraded as a Bodywork for Wellbeing Practitioner, you should forward copies of your Certificate and (for Students only) your letter from Balens showing Acupressure / Bodywork for Wellbeing cover at a professional level, to the Education Co-ordinator (greg@shiatusociety.org). You must also send your consent to be included on the Listing, and your name, region/post town, telephone number and/or email address. The Education Co-ordinator will normally prompt you for this information with an email.

Steps to take.

1. Either upgrade to Student Advanced **OR** join the Shiatsu Society in the Bodywork for Wellbeing Practitioner category.
2. **For Student Advanced only** - contact Balens using the link above to arrange insurance at a professional level for Bodywork for Wellbeing or Acupressure.
3. Send details to the Education Co-ordinator as above.