

# The British Institute of Graphologists



## APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP (complete in your own handwriting)

This application form has been designed to ensure that the Institute has the information required to process your application.

**NAME & ADDRESS:** Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr  Other

**First Name(s)** ..... **Surname** .....

**Address** .....

..... **Post code** .....

**Date of Birth** ..... **Nationality** .....

**Occupation** .....

**Tel (home)** ..... **Mobile** .....

**E-mail** .....

**Membership grade** Graduate/Affiliate/Student (Indicate appropriate word)

**Name of Tutor** (only applicable to BIG Students) .....

**Method of payment** .. cheque/bank transfer-BACs/PayPal **Amount £** .....  
(indicate appropriate word)

**Journal options:** Electronic or paper? (Indicate appropriate word, see prices below.)

What has made you interested in graphology? (continue onto a separate page if you wish)

I would like to receive information about news and events linked to graphology. **Yes**  **No**

**I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given on this form is correct. I have read the Institute's Objectives and Aims. I agree to abide by the Institute's Code of Ethics (see below) and I understand that this Code will be strictly applied – see below.**

**Name** ..... **Date** .....

*To complete the application process please return a handwritten copy of page 1, either sent in the post (Susan Ord, Orchard House, Blue Cap Lane, Hampton, Malpas, SY14 8JQ, England or, scanned and e-mailed to [membership@britishgraphology.org](mailto:membership@britishgraphology.org)*



## Membership Grades and Subscription Rates 2021

Subscriptions after 30<sup>th</sup> June are half price, as shown below. (Our membership year runs from January to December, so full price fees will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.)

	2021
<b>Graduate</b> 6 month's subscription with an electronic journal (worldwide)	<b>£38.00</b>
<b>Graduate</b> 6 month's subscription with a paper journal (UK)	<b>£43.00</b>
<b>Graduate</b> 6 month's subscription with a paper journal (outside UK)	<b>£46.75</b>
<b>Affiliate</b> 6 month's subscription with an electronic journal (worldwide)	<b>£33.00</b>
<b>Affiliate</b> 6 month's subscription with a paper journal (UK)	<b>£36.00</b>
<b>Affiliate</b> 6 month's subscription with a paper journal (outside UK)	<b>£39.75</b>
<b>Student</b> 6 month's subscription with an electronic journal (worldwide)	<b>£27.50</b>
<b>Student</b> 6 month's subscription with a paper journal (UK)	<b>£30.00</b>
<b>Student</b> 6 month's subscription with a paper journal (outside UK)	<b>£33.75</b>

*Postage and packing for paper journals have been included in the above figures.*

*All payments must be UK £ sterling.*

### **Membership Grades**

#### **Graduate**

Graduates have succeeded at the Institute's Part 3A and Part 3B examinations and gained their Diploma.

#### **Affiliate**

Anyone interested in graphology, either at a practical or theoretical level, including graduates of other institutions.

#### **Student**

This concessionary rate of membership is for Students of graphology who are currently undertaking a course of study with a BIG tutor. It can only be claimed for a maximum period of 6 years, after which time Graduate or Affiliate Membership will be applied.

*Termination of membership shall occur automatically, without notice being given, upon failure of the member to pay subscription within 30 days after fees are due.*



Payment may be made by one of the following methods:

1. Make an electronic payment directly to our Bank below, giving your name or membership number as a reference.  
Bank: HSBC Bank, 44 Upper High Street, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 2DW, UK  
Account name: The British Institute of Graphologists  
Sort code and account number 40-44-51, 71032070,  
IBAN: GB46HBUK40445171032070, BIC HBUKGB4159J
2. Send a cheque (payable to *The British Institute of Graphologists*) to Mrs Susan Ord, BIG Membership Secretary, Orchard House, Blue Cap Lane, Hampton, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8JQ, England.
3. PayPal is popular for overseas members and details can be found near to the application form in the Membership application section of our website, [www.britishgraphology.org](http://www.britishgraphology.org) Please note that you do not need your own PayPal account to use this payment method. If you want to use your own account, please make the payment to [payments@britishgraphology.org](mailto:payments@britishgraphology.org).

Once your completed application form and payment are received, I shall email your receipt and login details for access to the Members' areas of the website.

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When Frank Hilliger and his fellow graphologists founded the BIG in October 1983, they drew up a list of Objectives and Aims, and a Code of Ethics which still set the standard for the Institute today.

## Objectives and Aims

1. To act as a learned society.
2. To promote and enrich the science of graphology.
3. To enhance public understanding and recognition of graphology.
4. To develop theory and practice as a method of investigation in its various applications.
5. To provide facilities for study by way of tutorial courses, lectures and seminars throughout the UK as may be appropriate.
6. To obtain, where possible, grants for research.
7. To encourage research into graphology and to give practical assistance to any appropriate organisation, group or individual involved in research.
8. To establish the Institute as a professional body organised for the protection of the interests of its members.
9. To establish a binding code of ethical behaviour for all members.
10. To establish and award a qualifying Diploma in graphological analysis following an examination set by the Institute's own examination board.



## Code of Ethics

As a member of the British Institute of Graphologists it is my duty to apply the universal laws governing the science of graphology and handwriting analysis in the development of my own character, ability and personality and to utilise my knowledge and expertise to the benefit of fellow human beings and to the advancement and status of the graphological profession.

My conduct, appearance and deportment will at all times and in all places be such as not to bring into disrepute the science of graphology or myself as a practitioner thereof.

My reports, analyses, recommendations, consultations, forms of therapy, whether by way of specially designed handwriting exercises or by positive verbal suggestions, or any other positive form of therapy or prophylaxis must always present the facts tactfully, without bias or censure, but truthfully and with the full intent to be helpful in the best possible and positive manner for the person or client involved. In each and every instance the utmost care will be exercised to maintain absolute confidentiality.

My actions will be such as to avoid legal liabilities, to be in full co-operation with all graphologists and members of allied professions, to stay within the limits of my qualifications in the use of graphology and related techniques of personality and character analysis, and to maintain fair and proper business practices.

## Examinations

The Institute awards a Diploma following successful completion of its examinations for Graduate Membership. These examinations usually require three year's study and are in three parts, one part being taken each year. The parts cover basic principles of graphology, psychological theories of personality as applied to graphology and applied graphology. All new students are sent details of the examinations.

## Management

The Management of the Institute is in the hands of the Management Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Education Officer and two other nominated members. Administrative support is given by a Membership Secretary and an Examination Administration Officer.

There are a number of other committees, each of which is chaired by one of the Institute's Officers.

The Officers hold their posts for three years, before requiring re-election. After six years, an Officer must step down for at least a year before being eligible for re-election. Elections for Officers are held at the AGM. The membership year is from January to December and the financial year for the Institute is from 1st April to 31st March.

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## Collection and use of personal information about members

The information is used to communicate with you about bookings and keep our records up to date. From time to time, we may send you additional or updated information. For example, if you contact us requesting information about the BIG, we may use your details to send you information about any new services we provide as they become available.

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1. In the event that the BIG ceases to operate or merges with another organization.
2. To comply with the law.

## How long is data kept?

The personal information you provide will be retained only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which the information was collected, or as required by law.

## Privacy Policy

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