

PACT Membership Guidelines

Full membership to PACT enables a trainer to appear on the PACT Trainers Directory, as well as being eligible for ABTC Animal Training Instructor (ATI) accreditation and inclusion on the ABTC ATI register.

Full membership is currently attainable via:

- Completion of the PACT Canine Training Instructor Course (option 1)
- Graduating from an ABTC recognised course or having an existing ABTC accreditation ATI/ABT/CAB (option 2 & 3)
- Studying elsewhere, and have a minimum of 2 years industry experience (option 4).

Successful students and applicants will receive a certificate of assessment, as well as the course attendance certificate and become eligible to use the PACT Full Member 'Accredited' logo. Renewal of membership and ABTC registration will be required on an annual basis every March and ongoing annual CPD of 15 hours (minimum) will need to be evidenced.

Summary of PACT full membership requirements (option 1)

- Online lectures attendance
- Satisfactory practical homework (further details below)
- Submission of 4 assignments (further details below)
- Submission of log sheet (accrued training hours - further details below)
- Pass online theory assessment
- Pass online or in person practical assessment

Summary of PACT full membership requirements (option 2)

- Meet criteria above
- Professional reference
- Pass online theory assessment
- Pass online or in person practical assessment

Summary of PACT full membership requirements (option 3)

- Meet criteria above
- Professional reference
- Pass online or in person practical assessment

Summary of PACT full membership requirements (option 4)

- Meet criteria above
- Pass online viva (interview) assessment
- Pass online theory assessment
- Pass online or in person practical assessment

Further details for option 1 applicants (does not apply for option 2,3 &4)

Assignments

Four assignments on set training topics to be submitted before the assessments can take place.

Log sheet & practical experience

Students are required to log a minimum of 70 hours, an equivalent of 1-2 hours per week for the duration of the course. Aim for a ratio of around 60-40% of 1-2-1 sessions to classes, or vice-versa.

- 50% of the 70 hours should consist of you coaching a person who is the handler of the dog.
- 25% of the 70 hours will be hours of you shadowing another professional.
- The remaining 25% will be logging your hours as the handler yourself.

How to gain practical experience

We recommend volunteering or assisting under supervision at a good existing dog training club or school, or helping out an established local trainer if possible. For those who work in rescue and welfare organisations, time spent actively coaching other staff members and volunteers, or dog owners, can be used on your log sheet.

For those who live in a remote area, or an area with few or no good trainers, we advise coaching basic training only, e.g. sit/down/touch/recall/llw - with family, friends and acquaintances and try and build their hours in their own circles.

If all course requirements have been met but you have not yet accumulated enough hours to submit your timesheet, we would be unable to issue membership until the minimum hours requirements have been met. We suggest getting as much practice as possible during the course. A 1-2-1 accreditation only option is available for those not wishing to teach classes, if you would like to be considered for this please contact the office. Office@pact-dogs.com

Timescales & deadlines

Once enrolled on the course, students are expected to keep up with the weekly lectures and attend online Zoom sessions. We expect all assignments and homework to be submitted within 18 months of starting the course, and both the theory and practical assessments to be completed within 18 months of starting the course. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis. Student renewal is required after the 18 month period, you will then have a further 12 months to complete all aspects. If after 30 months, the student has not graduated from the course, a meeting to discuss the next steps will be arranged. All students are expected to have completed all elements of the course within 2.5 years of their start date. Once all the course content has been viewed, the homework, assignments and your log sheet have been completed and marked, the practical assessment can be submitted, once notified the assessors will view and provide feedback within a 6 week period.



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