

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR QUALIFICATIONS - MEMBERSHIP

1. Background

- 1.1. TSYP applies 'Recognition of Prior Qualifications' (RPQ) for members seeking Yoga Teacher, Yoga Therapist, Senior Yoga Therapist or Vedic Chant Teacher status. RPQ is an opportunity for members' existing qualifications to be recognised where they have been awarded by an organisation other than TSYP but are within the tradition of T Krishnamacharya and TKV Desikachar. RPQ avoids the necessity of duplicating previous learning, whilst ensuring members have attained the appropriate learning outcomes.
- 1.2. TSYP members recognised as Yoga Teacher & Therapist, Yoga Teacher Trainer, Senior Yoga Therapist, Vedic Chant Teacher, Vedic Chant Teacher Trainer as at 1st January 2020 maintain their status.

2. Types of Learning that will be accepted

- 2.1. Prior learning may be certificated or experiential.
 - a. Certificated learning is learning for which there is a recognised formal qualification, for example a Vedic Chant Teaching Certificate or Advanced Yoga Therapy award completed with another organisation.
 - b. Experiential learning is learning achieved outside of a formal learning environment. It may include learning gained through experience or as part of a training course, but for which there is no formal qualification.
- 2.2. Prior Qualifications are recognised on either an automatic or a discretionary basis:

Automatic Recognition

TSYP recognises qualifications from certain training organisations automatically if they have already been confirmed as meeting the learning outcomes of the equivalent TSYP qualification. If you hold relevant qualifications from these organisations your prior learning can be recognised. The organisations and qualifications accepted for automatic recognition and accreditation are:

Yoga Teacher

- Centre for Yoga Studies (Bristol) (cYs Practitioner and VB Practitioner)
- Courses delivered in the UK and internationally by students of Desikachar as per the TSYP 'TKV Desikachar Directly Appointed Teacher Trainers' list.
- Krishnamacharya Healing and Yoga Foundation UK (prior to 2012).
- Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram Yoga Teacher
- Sādhana Māla
- True Yoga (Colin Dunsmuir).
- Viniyoga Britain Practitioner Programme

Yoga Therapist

- Centre for Yoga Studies (Bristol) (cYs Practitioner and VB Practitioner)
- Krishnamacharya Healing and Yoga Foundation UK (prior to 2012).
- Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram
- Sādhana Māla Art of Individual Teaching

- True Yoga (Colin Dunsmuir) Postgraduate Diploma in Integrated Yoga Therapy
- Viniyoga Britain Practitioner Programme

N.B. Although TSYP recognises the above qualifications for its membership purposes, CNHC, which is a UK regulatory body, will only recognise British Council of Yoga Therapists (BCYT) accredited courses and as such TSYP is only able to verify said courses for member registration with CNHC.

Yoga Teacher Trainer

Directly appointed by TKV Desikachar and, preferably, holding a Level 3 Award in Training and Education or equivalent (list available). It is advised that all teacher trainers should hold or work toward achieving a minimum Level 3 Award in Teaching and Education.

Vedic Chant Teacher

- Krishnamacharya Healing and Yoga Foundation UK Vedic Chant Teacher (prior to 2012).
- Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram Healing Chants Teacher (including Vedavani).
- Sannidhi of Krishnamacharya Vedic Chant Teacher (prior to 2014).
- 'Vedavalli' Art of Vedic Chanting (Paul Harvey)

Vedic Chant Teacher Trainer

Those with the above qualification, who maintain regular chanting lessons with and are recommended by a recognised senior Vedic Chant Teacher in the tradition (list available) and to have experience of delivering training courses and to hold a Level 3 award in Training and Education

N. B. TSYP reserves the right to request further evidence of learning and achievement from individuals applying through the automatic recognition route.

Discretionary Recognition

These are considered on a case-by-case basis to include:

Yoga Teacher

Individuals who have undertaken a 500-hour teacher training with a teacher working in this tradition.

Yoga Therapist

TSYP will only consider qualifications in this tradition that are accredited by the BCYT or for those from outside the UK that are accredited by the relevant regulatory body for the individual's country of residence.

Yoga Teacher Trainer

Teacher Trainer qualification with another organisation and successful delivery of a Yoga teacher training course. However, the trainer will be required to hold a TSYP or TSYP recognised Yoga Teacher qualification and to hold a Level 3 award in Training and Education.

Vedic Chant Teacher

Those who hold a Vedic Chant Teaching qualification, or have equivalent experience, from an organisation not mentioned at 2.2 above and maintain regular chanting lessons with and are recommended by a recognised Vedic Chant Teacher in this tradition (list available).

Vedic Chant Teacher Trainer

To be recognised as a Vedic Chant Teacher according to the above and maintain regular chanting lessons with and are recommended by a recognised Vedic Chant Teacher in this tradition (list available)

and to have experience of delivering training courses and to hold a Level 3 award in Training and Education.

3. How to Apply for RPQ

- 3.1 All applications for RPQ should be made in writing to the Membership Secretary membership@tsyp.yoga indicating in the email subject header RPQ, followed by your Full Name, followed by the Qualification you wish to have recognised; AND attach or enclose evidence of your claim.
- 3.2. Evidence required to support a claim for RPQ:

AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION

A copy of your qualification certificate. This should normally include confirmation of the awarding organisation; the qualification title; your name and date of award.

DISCRETIONARY RECOGNITION

You will need to provide a portfolio of evidence to support your claim, you may be asked to attend an interview and to be observed teaching. The Membership Secretary will be able to provide you with a proforma for the portfolio of evidence to include:

- Qualifying course syllabus (where available/possible).
- Personal reflection on experiences relevant to each of the learning outcomes of the qualification.
- Independent verification of competency, i.e., references.
- Any relevant information and certificates for non-credited courses of study completed
- Evidence of commitment to Continuing Professional Development in line with TSYP CPD and Supervision and Mentoring guidelines and for recognition as a Vedic Chant Teacher or Teacher Trainer must evidence regular individual chanting lessons with a TSYP recognised senior Vedic Chant Teacher.
- Examples of lesson plan(s) for Yoga Teacher and Yoga Therapist
- Example of course plan, lesson plans and evaluation for Teacher Trainer

4. RPQ Assessment

Automatic Recognition

On receipt of copy of qualification, The Membership Secretary will inform you and the TSYP Membership Secretary of your confirmed status. The Membership Secretary will then provide you with further details with regard to TSYP membership.

Discretionary Recognition

The Education Committee will appoint a panel to consider and assess discretionary applications for RPQ. The panel may offer provisional recognition with a requirement to work with a mentor in order to gain and evidence further experience. There are four features which will be considered as part of the assessment:

1. *Content*: does the evidence indicate that you have acquired the relevant types of knowledge/understanding and skills?
2. *Level*: does the evidence indicate that you have acquired the relevant knowledge/understanding and skills that can be considered as appropriate to the level of the qualification?
3. *Volume*: does the evidence indicate that you have sufficient experience? N.B. This is particularly important in claiming against a qualification that includes a specified number of days or weeks.
4. *Authenticity*: have you provided independent verification of your relevant experience? This should be provided by your referee via a signed letter or email that includes their position and where relevant their organisation.

Following the panel decision, The Membership Secretary will inform you and the TSYP Membership Secretary of your confirmed status. The Membership Secretary will then provide you with further details with regard to TSYP membership

6. RPQ Outcome

- 6.1. All applications will be considered within a three-month time frame.
- 6.2. Notification of the outcome will be made in writing.
- 6.3. Where an applicant is unhappy with the outcome of the application, they may appeal using the [TSYP complaints policy](#).