

British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT)

**LEVEL II**

**Educators Points Guidelines**



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## SECTION 1

### Introduction

#### Introduction & Rationale

This Educators Points route to gain BAHT points will be mainly used by experienced Hand Therapists. This route is for Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physiotherapists (PT) with five or more years of practice, within the specialty of Hand Therapy, who already have completed evidenced based work and prior learning within the field of hand therapy. This route allows candidates who lecture on external validated BAHT courses & non validated BAHT courses which are upper limb focused rather than attending BAHT level II validated courses. BAHT level II points can then be utilised to pursue the goal of achieving the British Association Hand Therapy Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) award.

The work submitted via the Educators Points route must be relevant to the Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme of the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) and follow the guidelines within this document. Therapists with less than five years' experience in Hand Therapy are advised to pursue the majority of their BAHT credit points via attendance at validated BAHT courses at Levels I and II, and to gain their Level III points using the Level III guidelines.

#### British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT)

##### Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) Route

To achieve the award, of Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) clinicians need to have obtained 12 BAHT points. There are a range of different routes at BAHT Level I, Level II & Level III which clinicians can undertake to achieve the 12 BAHT points required for AHT – see table 1 below.

Please also refer to the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) website, education section.

**SECTION 2****Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme****LEVEL I**

The Level I Course is designed for therapists with minimal or no experience of hand injuries & conditions & for therapists who wish to refresh their basic knowledge of, & skills in, the field of hand therapy. It will promote recognition for professional competence & will improve the quality of patient care (BAHT Guidelines Level I Course). For therapists with more than 2 years' experience of hand therapy practice please refer to the Level I APL process (see BAHT level I guidelines).

**One Point is awarded for successful completion of the Level I process.**

**LEVEL II**

The Level II Course/Process is designed for therapists with proven experience in the field of hand therapy who have successfully completed an accredited Level I Course or APL route (therapists who have at least 2 years' experience in hand therapy). Level II courses promote recognition for professional knowledge in a specialist aspect of hand therapy; improve the quality of hand care; & foster evaluation & research in hand therapy (BAHT Guidelines Level II Course). BAHT strive to support therapists who wish to increase their experience & knowledge in specialist areas of hand therapy & there are a range of other routes, other than attending a BAHT Level II course, for the acquisition of BAHT Level II points. Routes for BAHT Level II points include: submission of evidence of prior learning (APL), educators points, non-accredited MSc Modules. For the full range of routes available to gain BAHT Level II points please refer to the BAHT website education section &/or table 1 below.

**Two points are awarded per BAHT Level II course & for a range of other BAHT Level II Routes on successful completion (see table 1).**

**6 Level II points are required at BAHT Level II.**

**Each two points must be gained in a different specialist area of hand therapy.**

**LEVEL III**

This level offers members of BAHT a challenging opportunity to demonstrate their advanced knowledge of hand therapy. Five BAHT points are awarded for successful completion of Level III. Level III points can be gained in a number of ways, see table 1 or refer to the BAHT Education Process on the BAHT website.

**Five Points are awarded for successful completion of the Level III process.**

The structure for education & training is set out in Table 1.

When you have achieved 12 points you may apply to the BAHT Education Sub-committee (ESC) for AHT (see Becoming an Accredited Hand Therapist on the BAHT website)

For ALL BAHT courses & routes see guidelines on the BAHT website - [The BAHT Education Process](#) ([Route to AHT](#))

For ALL BAHT Level II Routes (other than BAHT Level II Courses) queries please email [baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com)

**TABLE 1: Progression of Post-qualification Education in Hand Therapy (BAHT)**

For all Level I, II & III options in below table please refer to the specific guidelines for more detail on criteria & application process

Target Population	Content	Assessment Process	Outcome	Sum of points
<b>Level I</b>				
OT/PT therapist  ** see below	Introductory course  APL Route	BAHT exam (short answer/MCQs)  2 years plus experience full time hand therapy	Certificate Value = 1 point  Eligibility-Level II	<b>1</b>
<b>Level II</b>				
OP/PT Therapist Eligibility via Level I  Or  Indicative experience via APL process  ** see below	Specialist BAHT course (17 hours contact teaching)  APL (prior learning less than 3 years since completion)  MSc Module (non-accredited) – completed less than 2 years prior to application  Educational points route  Associate PI Scheme	Two forms of assessment during/after the course, e.g., examination & written assignment  Written work assessed by 2 independent reviewers  Via University assessment process & application to BAHT ESC for recognition of a non-accredited module Evidence of teaching / education of others  Evidence of completion	Certificate Value = 2 points per Level II course / APL topic / Level II Route  Maximum 6 points.  Eligibility-Level III	<b>7</b>
<b>Level III</b>				
OT/PT specialist Eligibility via Level II  Or  Indicative experience via APL process  ** see below	In-depth BAHT project  MSc Modules (accredited & non-accredited) – completed less than 2 years prior to application  Hand Therapy Journal article  APL (prior learning less than 3 years since completion)	Written paper assessed by 2 independent reviewers  Via University assessment process only for accredited modules <i>or</i> additional application to BAHT ESC for recognition of a non-accredited module  Proof of publication & ownership statement  Written work assessed by 2 independent reviewers	Certificate Value = 5 points	<b>12</b>

**\*\* Note:** therapy students, therapy assistants, nurses & other AHP clinicians may attend BAHT courses at the discretion of the course provider

## SECTION 3

### Fee Structure

#### **Fee Structure when applying for each two educators points**

Registration fee (for admin costs)	£ 30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£30</b>

Fees must be paid electronically by BACS transfer or over the phone by phoning the BAHT secretary. Details will be provided at time of application by **Eve Dunn** (Clerical and Admin Assistance, BAHT)

#### **WORKING HOURS:**

Monday to Thursday 1.00-5.30pm

Friday 12.00-2.00pm.

**Tel:** [01394 610131](tel:01394610131)

**Email:** [bahthandtherapy@gmail.com](mailto:bahthandtherapy@gmail.com)

**BANK DETAILS:** British Association of Hand Therapists

Account Number: 00050628

Sort Code: 30-16-74

Cheques can no longer be accepted by BAHT

## **SECTION 4**

### The BAHT Educators Route for achieving Level II BAHT Points

To be able to apply for Educators Points at BAHT level II candidates are required to meet the below criteria (see application form also)

Candidates must provide clear evidence of a minimum of 8 hours teaching on external courses. External courses can be BAHT validated courses (BAHT level I &/or BAHT level II) or other external presentations / course(s) that are upper limb focused. 75% of the teaching hours (6 hours) must be taught on validated BAHT courses (level I &/or level II). Evidence of teaching must be in the format of the programme(s) & peer review (specific feedback from delegates) for each of the sessions / lecturers being used for educators points.

Within the minimum 8 hours of teaching there must be a minimum of 3 different topics taught & topics must have been delivered in two different formats i.e. via lecturers, workshops.

The most recent external teaching used as evidence must not be more than 2 years old.

## SECTION 5 – Application Form

### BAHT Level II Educators Points Application Form

Please complete this form & tick checklist to ensure you have included all the information required. Return this electronically to the BAHT APL advisor ([baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com)) after confirming payment of the £30 registration fee with the BAHT Secretary. The fee must be processed before the ESC can consider the application (see payment details above).

Name of Candidate:
BAHT Membership number:
Contact email:
Contact address:

I wish to apply for the BAHT Level II Educators Point Route to complete (please circle)		
Level 2 (2 points)	Level 2 (4 points)	Level 2 (6 points)

Please email an electronic copy of this application form & all requested documents / evidence, with all personal details included, to [baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com) and [bahthandtherapy@gmail.com](mailto:bahthandtherapy@gmail.com)

Please note payment must be included before the ESC can consider your application.

£30 application fee (see BAHT Level II Educators Points Guidelines for payment process).

Bacs Transfer

Via telephone

Date Paid: .....

BACS Reference: .....

Evidence of teaching:

Evidence of 8 hours external teaching:

2 different types of delivery i.e., lectures, workshops

3 different topic areas which must be hand related

Most recent teaching must have been delivered within past 2 years

Evidence of delivery for each topic required i.e. programme for each course

75% of teaching via BAHT courses & maximum 25% external teaching

Peer review (specific feedback from delegates) for each topic area delivered must be submitted

Signature of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_



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