

Why join ALCI?

Benefits of Membership include:

- ✎ An Annual Conference in the Autumn and an Annual Spring Study Day, with noted presenters, new research and evidence based practice discussions.
- ✎ A member's discount for attendance at ALCI events
- ✎ A regular newsletter to keep up to date with activities and continuing education
- ✎ Opportunities to develop skills through participation in task groups and committees
- ✎ Continuing education credits (CERPs)
- ✎ Inclusion in Private Practice Directory, Speakers Directory and Educational Directory (as appropriate) which are publicly accessible, to facilitate the professional development of ALCI members
- ✎ Networking and support
- ✎ Membership directory to assist networking
- ✎ Bursaries to attend breastfeeding events
- ✎ Representation on national and international breastfeeding committees and consultations
- ✎ Right to vote for Council, and on items relevant to the Association purpose and goals*
- ✎ Right to be nominated for election to a Council position**

* *Membership benefit for Full and Associate Members only.*

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Visit:
www.alcireland.ie

or Email:
alci@ireland.com

Membership Form

Full Member €50 / £45

IBCLCs only – please forward a photocopy of your IBCLC Card or Certificate if you have certified or re-certified in the past year.

Associate Member €60 / £55

Institutional Member €65 / £60

NAME: _____

Renewing members – you only need to fill out below if your details have changed.

QUALIFICATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

MOBILE PHONE: _____

EMAIL (please print)

I agree for my contact details above to be included in the ALCI Members' Directory, which is circulated to members only. Yes No

I agree for my contact details listed above to be included in a mailing list that may be given to other relevant organisations that may send me information on their events, services and products. Yes No

I am an IBCLC, have time, facilities and I wish to take private practice referrals. Yes No

I enclose payment of my subscription:

Cheque payable to ALCI for

€_____ or £_____ & copy of my IBCLC Certificate (if necessary)

Return to: Eithne Foley, ALCI Administrator,
Lackaneen, Lombardstown, Mallow, Co. Cork.



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Who are ALCI?

The Association of Lactation Consultants in Ireland (ALCI) was founded in 1990. The purpose of the Association is to promote the professional development, advancement and recognition of International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) for the benefit of breastfeeding infants and children, mothers, families and the wider community.

The goals of the Association are to:

- ✎ provide education, communication, networking and support among International Board Certified Lactation Consultants and other health workers concerned with breastfeeding and human lactation.
- ✎ foster universal awareness of IBCLC as the necessary qualification for lactation consultants.
- ✎ act as the advisory authority on issues relating to breastfeeding and human lactation.

The Association of Lactation Consultants in Ireland is represented on the Irish National Committee for Breastfeeding and the Advisory Committee of the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative in Ireland. ALCI is affiliated to the International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA), the global association for health workers who specialise in breastfeeding. ILCA is a founding and participating member of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding (WABA), and has NGO status with WHO and United Nations organizations such as UNICEF. For information on ILCA, visit:

www.ilca.org

What is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant?

The credential International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) identifies an experienced member of the health care team who has acquired specialist skill, made an indepth study of breastfeeding and lactation, and passed an exam at Masters' degree level of difficulty. IBCLC stands for International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners, the organisation that administers the international certification programme. IBCLC's primary purpose is to certify individuals who provide quality care to babies and mothers worldwide.

IBCLCs adhere to a Code of Ethics and work within professional Standards of Practice. They are required to keep their knowledge and skills current, and must re-certify every 5 years through continuing education or re-examination to remain registered.

Some IBCLCs work in designated positions, though many use their skills in their existing roles, for example as midwives, medical practitioners, child health nurses and nutritionists. In some countries, there are hospitals and community services that now require all staff working with mothers and babies to become IBCLCs, to ensure the highest standard of care. For further information on the IBCLC credential or certification exam, visit:

www.ibclce-europe.org

Who Should Join ALCI?

Membership of ALCI is open to International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (Full Membership), institutions and other entities that wish to be associated with ALCI (Institutional Membership) and any others interested in the care of the breastfeeding mother and her baby (Associate Membership).

Associate Membership is appropriate for

- ✎ Individuals studying to become IBCLCs
- ✎ Midwives, Public health nurses & Health visitors
- ✎ Practice nurses, Paediatric nurses & Neonatal nurses
- ✎ Paediatricians, Obstetricians & GPs
- ✎ Dietitians/nutritionists
- ✎ Health promotion specialists
- ✎ Parent craft/antenatal educators
- ✎ Students of the above professions
- ✎ Educators and researchers
- ✎ Community breastfeeding counsellors

Associate members are not IBCLCs and may not use their membership of ALCI for professional promotion. Institutional members receive 6 copies of each newsletter and advance notice of all ALCI events, but are not eligible to claim event discounts, vote at the AGM or stand for election. Membership runs from March 1st to February 28th each year. Any new member joining after March 1st will receive the current newsletter and subsequent mailings for the membership year. Anyone who joins on or after the AGM in October will pay half yearly rates and be a member until February 28th. ALCI is an all island organization.