



The British
Psychological Society
Division of Neuropsychology

Instructions on the Professional Use of BPS Membership Grades and Titles in relation to Neuropsychology (February 2013)

Chartered Psychologist

If you have been admitted to Chartered Membership via eligibility for Full Membership of another Division, then you may refer to yourself as a Chartered Psychologist but do NOT use adjectival titles as part of the Chartered term, e.g. Chartered Clinical Psychologist or Chartered Educational Psychologist. Adjectival titles are now legally protected and should be used separately in accordance with guidance previously issued by the BPS:

www.bps.org.uk/what-we-do/bps/regulation-psychology/regulation-psychology

Full Membership of the Division of Neuropsychology (DoN)

Full Membership of the DoN is awarded to members who have 2 years full-time equivalent experience in *any* area of professional neuropsychology including teaching, research or clinical practice. Full Membership is a membership grade and therefore should never be used in any way that implies competency to provide clinical neuropsychology services. 'Full Practitioner Membership' no longer exists and has been replaced with the Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists (see below).

Clinical Neuropsychologist or Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist

At present, these are not legally protected titles although they are commonly used within public, independent and medico-legal settings to identify professionals with highly specialist expertise in the diagnosis, prognosis and rehabilitation of brain-behaviour relationships. BPS professional guidelines are that Clinical Neuropsychologists should meet the competency standards examined by the BPS Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (QiCN) (*Competency Framework for the UK Clinical Neuropsychology Profession, 2012*).

Upon completing the QiCN, professionals who are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) are entitled to join the BPS *Specialist Register of Clinical Neuropsychologists* (SRCN). Clinicians who had appropriate experience at the initiation of the QiCN were grand-parented onto the register. The SRCN is publically available on the BPS website and the HCPC have noted that this serves an important function in protecting the public by identifying appropriately qualified Clinical Neuropsychologists.

Therefore, the BPS DoN strongly recommends that all appropriately qualified Clinical Neuropsychologists should join the SRCN to support public safety. To refer to oneself as a Clinical Neuropsychologist, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist or to offer Clinical Neuropsychology services whilst not listed on the SRCN is acting against this professional & ethical guidance. Professionals undertaking QiCN training should always have their clinical neuropsychological work supervised by a member of the SRCN.