

Membership rules

Registration conditions

The eligibility conditions for registration in the association's register of members are as follows:

- Members have a valid ECHA diploma or certificate and have successfully completed the ECHA training, RITHA training, RITHA practitioner training, or the ECHA master's programme.
- Prospective members have enrolled for the ECHA training, RITHA training, RITHA practitioner training, or ECHA master's programme with the intention of fully completing it and have, in any case, successfully completed the theoretical module.
- The ECHA network offers the following types of membership:
 - prospective members;
 - ECHA Specialist in Gifted Education (Dutch): ECHA Diploma of Advanced Studies in Gifted Education (DAS);
 - ECHA Specialist in Gifted Education (International): ECHA Diploma of Advanced Studies in Gifted Education (DAS);
 - RITHA practitioner: ECHA Certificate of Advanced Studies in Gifted Education (CAS);
 - ECHA qualified RITHA post-Master: ECHA Master of Advanced Studies in Gifted Education (MAS).
- Members endorse the Dutch Association of Professional Coaches (NOBCO) code of ethics;
- Members agree to ECHA Europe membership, which is an integral part of association membership and is included in the annual membership fee.
- Members' professional activities are in keeping with the objectives of the association.

Registration procedure

The procedure for registering with the ECHA network is as follows:

- Interested parties should apply for registration in writing via the website www.echanetwerk.nl, where further details are given of the procedure and the required documents.
- In the event of rejection, we will communicate the decision and the reasons for it in writing;
- Membership applications can be submitted at any time and will be processed as soon as possible.
- Membership of the Association of ECHA Specialists in Gifted Education (*Vereniging ECHA Nederland*) runs per year from 1 January to 31 December.
- As of 2017, the Association of ECHA Specialists in Gifted Education membership fee for an entire year is €130; prospective members pay €100.
- New members who register on or after 1 July pay 50% of the annual membership fee.

- The membership fee may be adjusted by the Committee of the Association of ECHA Specialists in Gifted Education with effect from the new association year.
- Regarding yearly membership renewal, the membership fee must be transferred to the association's bank account within one month after the invoice date.
- Candidate members are themselves responsible for sending a copy of their diploma to the secretary's office so that the secretary can update their profile on our website.
- Candidates for membership may retain their candidate status for up to 4 years. The secretary will then contact them to either upgrade their membership to full membership in the near future or to terminate their candidate membership.

The following information is always recorded for each member:

- Personal details
- Professional details
- Target group(s), services and specialisation(s) to be published on our website
- Date of diploma (or for candidate members: completion of the theoretical introduction)
- Type of membership
- Sign-up date
- Registration date

Criteria for renewal, registration and re-registration

To be eligible to renew your membership annually, you must actively participate in the association and keep abreast of the latest developments by participating in our peer consultations. These peer consultations are facilitated twice a year. Moreover, online member evenings are organised monthly, and every member is welcome to schedule an online evening or mini-peer consultation on their own initiative. Every member aims to attend as many peer consultations as possible, with a mandatory minimum of one per year. If the above condition is not met during the year, the register on the website will state that the member in question is 'inactive'.

Deregistration

Deregistration is possible:

- By the participant, at their own request, before 1 November of the current year;
- If the criteria for renewal or re-registration are not met;
- On the grounds of a complaint found to be justified by the complaints committee.

In the event of deregistration other than at the member's own request, reasons for such will be given in writing. The Committee must approve the final decision at a Committee meeting.