

Constitution

A foundational document setting out the purpose, principles, governance, and public-facing role of the Irish Acupuncture Register.

1. Purpose

The Irish Acupuncture Register is established to uphold high standards in acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine practice in Ireland.

Its purpose is to protect the public, support practitioners, and preserve the integrity of traditional practice through a proportionate professional framework.

2. Guiding principles

The Register is guided by patient safety, informed consent, professional integrity, and respect for diversity of legitimate clinical approaches.

The IAR seeks a balanced approach: clear standards without unnecessary ideological or bureaucratic intrusion.

3. Legal and governance position

The IAR operates within Irish law, including data protection, safeguarding, and general duty of care obligations. It does not replace statutory regulation, but provides a professional framework aligned with best practice.

4. Membership and accountability

Membership is open to practitioners who meet the Register's training and professional standards and who agree to uphold the Constitution, Code of Ethics, Safe Practice Guidelines, and associated policies.

- Membership may be approved, reviewed, suspended, or terminated in accordance with fair procedures.
- Governance should remain transparent, proportionate, and directed toward public protection.

5. Statement of balance

The IAR affirms that safe, ethical practice can coexist with diversity of thought, clinical philosophy, and individual conscience.