



Association of Breastfeeding Mothers

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Training and Development Fund Guidance

If you are a qualified Peer Supporter (PS) or trainee Breastfeeding Counsellor (tBFC) or probationary Breastfeeding Counsellor (pBFC) or Breastfeeding Counsellor (BFC), you can apply for a financial contribution to cover further training. This might include attending conferences, the BFC course itself, or something else breastfeeding related!

Is there some training you'd like to do, but don't know how to fund it?

The ABM Training and Development Fund could help you.

When can applications be made?

Applications can be made all year round.

Please note, you must have a specific request in mind when putting in an application e.g. a confirmed date for training, details of the course content and a specific amount being requested for travel or other expenses.

Putting in an application takes just a few minutes using the website.

Who can apply?

Any qualified ABM PS, tBFC, pBFC or BFC can apply to the Training and Development Fund.

Applicants should be engaged in regular voluntary work for the ABM in order to apply. This could include taking calls, Web Chats or Social Media messages on the NBH, running groups, supporting in groups (including virtual and online ones), training others (including marking), being a Peer Supporter Mentor or Peer Supporter Coordinator or other voluntary organisational work for the ABM.

Applicants are more likely to be successful if they are actively volunteering in one of these roles for the ABM.

BFC applicants will only be considered if they are currently active on the NB, but extra consideration will be given to those who take on additional voluntary roles with the ABM e.g. marker, mentor, PSC.

What can you apply for?

Funding can be sought for any relevant in-person or online training course (including the ABM conference) or for IBCLC certification (under certain conditions). Training courses should be breastfeeding related and within the remit of an ABM BFC. Please provide details of the course content.

You can also apply for travel or accommodation costs if they allow you to access training.

How will applications be assessed?

A small committee of three will assess applications.

Priority will be given to:

- Applicants who are doing significant amounts of voluntary work for the ABM i.e., someone who is doing four hours per week on the helpline would be prioritised over someone who is doing one hour a week
- Those who use their training for voluntary purposes and to offer free care to families i.e., someone whose breastfeeding related work is solely voluntary would be prioritised over someone who receives any income from breastfeeding related work, whether as an employee or self-employed or who charges families.
- Applicants who can provide evidence of financial need i.e., applicants who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits are prioritised over applicants who cannot show financial need.
- Applicants who can demonstrate that the training will be of wider benefit to the ABM as an organisation may be prioritised. For example, they could offer a session at a regional study day to cascade their learning. They could write an article for the magazine or e-newsletter. They could draft a leaflet or guidelines; they could offer mentoring to other BFC or PS.

If you are asking for funds towards the IBCLC lactation consultant exam, please note we will only fund BFC who have completed two years on the NBH and are continuing to be active on the NBH, have taken the required number of calls and are making an additional contribution to the ABM e.g. marker, mentor.

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Candidates are welcome to make repeat applications but priority may be given to those who are first time applicants or those in greater financial need.

If you have any questions, please email admin@abm.me.uk

We aim to inform applicants within 3 weeks of receipt of application.

Apply online here: <https://abm.me.uk/td-fund/>