

THE ORTHOTIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING TRUST

Registered Charity No. 294114

c/o British Association of Prosthetists & Orthotists
Unit 3010, Mile End Mill, Abbey Mill Business Centre
Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA1 1JS
Telephone: 0141 561 7217 Fax: 0141 561 7218

Guidance Notes on Applications to the Orthotic Education & Training Trust

The objective of the Trust is to fund the further education, training and professional development of orthotists, orthotic managers, orthotic assistants and technicians. The Trustees welcome applications that meet this objective and treat all cases individually. ALL APPLICATIONS for funding should be submitted on the form dedicated for this purpose (copies available from the OETT web site or from BAPO, on request) and submitted to the BAPO Secretariat (address at the end of these guidance notes). The following guidance should be noted, although this is by no means an exhaustive list of funding possibilities.

1. Short Courses and Workshops

For short course attendance (duration one week or less), the course fee, travel and accommodation expenses are normally re-imbursed. All claims should however be submitted on completion of the course and within 6 months of the course attendance date. Unduly late applications for re-imburement will only be made at the discretion of the Trustees.

2. Postgraduate Training/Study

Applications relating to UK postgraduate training, overseas travelling fellowships to study at centres of excellence and for research training fellowships are welcomed. The current post graduate training award is 67% of costs although the Trustees will consider requests in excess of this should an applicant feel their personal circumstances warrant such consideration.

3. Conferences and Seminars

Conferences other than the BAPO and UK ISPO conferences, will be considered for funding (registration, travel and accommodation), subject to cost and demand on a first come, first served basis. Participants are required to provide a Conference report (after the event) that may be published in BAPO literature and posted on the Trust's website : www.oett.org.uk.

Exceptions to the guidance for Conferences and Seminars are the annual BAPO Conference in the UK, and the ISPO Conferences, where the Trustees provide sponsorship for an orthotic speaker, rather than support for delegates attending these events.

4. Continuing Professional Development Visits

Applications for visits to Centres of Excellence, to enable continuing development in particular aspects of orthotics, will be considered on individual merit.

5. Technician Transfer Scheme and Support of Mature Students

For orthotic technicians and for mature students wishing to undertake a Prosthetics-Orthotics degree course, some funding may be provided, if their costs cannot be met through normal channels such as student loans or university bursaries.

PLEASE NOTE - ALL of the above FUNDING APPLICATIONS should be addressed to :

BAPO Secretariat
British Association of Prosthetists & Orthotists
Unit 3010, Mile End Mill
Abbey Mill Business Centre
Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA1 1JS
Telephone: 0141 561 7217
Fax: 0141 561 7218