

# Terms and Conditions

In accessing information and making purchases on the British Academy of Forensic Science (BAFS), the user agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions as set out below. Terms and conditions are subject to change without notification.

## Disclaimer

The British Academy of Forensic Science is committed to maintaining a high standard and quality of information, and every attempt has been made to present up-to-date, accurate information. However, the BAFS provides no guarantee about the accuracy of the information on this website and accepts no liability for any loss or inconvenience caused as a result of reliance on such information.

## Accounts and passwords

You may access this website by creating an account with us and/or by becoming an BAFS member. You agree to be responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account details and passwords which you choose, and all other activities associated with your account.

You agree that:

- Your account and password are personal to you and not shared with anyone else who has access to the BAFS website
- You will not create accounts for the purpose of abusing the functionality of the BAFS website, or other users
- You agree to notify us immediately if you become aware of any unauthorised use of your account or password

## Third party content

The BAFS website includes links to third party websites, including advertising. The third party is responsible for the content of its website and we accept no responsibility for the material.

The BAFS takes reasonable measures to ensure that information provided from third parties is accurate and not defamatory or offensive. The BAFS cannot control the content or take responsibility for pages maintained by external providers or linked pages.

## **Data protection**

The BAFS processes personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). To find out what personal data we collect and how we use the data, please read our [Privacy Policy](#).

## **Changes to the terms and conditions**

Please note that we reserve the right to update these terms and conditions at our discretion. Any revisions to the terms and conditions will be applicable at the time of publishing on the BAFS website.

## **Force majeure**

In the event of a 'Force majeure Event' caused by acts, events or omissions or non-events beyond reasonable control — including acts of God, riots, war, acts of terrorism, fire, storm, flood, earthquake or any disaster — the BAFS shall be deemed not to be in breach of any contractual arrangement, or be liable to any other party in any manner whatsoever.

## **Conditions of sales**

The following terms and conditions of sale apply to all requests, bookings and purchases made with the BAFS.

## **Events**

### **Cancellations and amends**

Full refunds for event bookings will be offered for cancellations made in writing up to 48 hours after payment has been received, provided there are at least four working days before the event. After 48 hours refunds will only be offered for fees over £10 and a 15% administration charge will be incurred. No refunds will be offered for cancellations made within four working days of an event.

Delegate substitutions may be made free of charge up to four days prior to the event. If the substitution is for a different event a 15% administration charge will be incurred. If there is any difference in the event fee extra charges may be incurred.

## **Bookings**

Places at events are guaranteed on written/email confirmation. Acceptance of delegates is at the discretion of the BAFS. If payment has not been made by the date of the event, the BAFS reserves the right to refuse admission.

If invoices are requested for delegate fees and payment has not been received by the day of the event, credit card details will be requested on the day. The card will be charged if payment has not been received within five working days.

Delegates from outside of the EEA must ensure their immigration status adheres to the current UK government policy. The BAFS does not issue invitation letters or other evidence required for visa applications and the confirmation letter which will be sent to delegates upon completion of booking and receipt of payment confers no legal status as regards entry to the UK. Should your visa application be denied our usual cancellation terms apply.

Special dietary requirements must be requested at least four working days before the event. Delegates requesting alternative catering arrangements on the day will be charged £10 plus the cost of the meal; the meal may also be delayed.

If an event is cancelled, the BAFS's liability will be limited to registration fees already paid to the BAFS for the meeting.

The BAFS accepts no legal responsibility for facts stated or opinions expressed during its events. It is the responsibility of individuals to satisfy themselves as to which facts and opinions should be relied on in any way whatsoever.

## **Membership**

After payment, your membership subscription is automatically activated, providing immediate access to online resources. The BAFS reserves the right to check that you have applied for the correct membership subscription. If the incorrect membership grade has been purchased online, you will be advised about any differences in payments if applicable. Subscription payments made by debit or credit card will be processed immediately.

Applications which do not meet the relevant membership category criteria will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Once accepted by the Committee membership will be confirmed.

In accordance with the BAFS constitution it is the duty of members to advise the BAFS in writing of any change in personal circumstances that could lead to a change in subscription rates.

### **Membership cancellation policy**

You have 14 days from payment date in which to cancel your membership subscription. The BAFS will make a proportionate charge for up to 14 days membership or deduct this amount from any refund due.

If you have paid your membership in full and decide to cancel after the 14-day grace period, no refunds are provided. Membership payments by instalments is not available and if you decide to cancel your membership after the 14-day grace period, you will be required to pay the outstanding balance in full. If during this time you have purchased further BAFS services/events at member rates you will be liable for any difference in the cost of member and non-member charges.

If you have paid by Direct Debit or saved your card when making your purchase, your subscription will be automatically renewed at the end of your subscription period using the same payment options. You may contact us at any time to opt-out of auto-renewal.

### **Other**

This agreement is governed by the laws, and subject to the jurisdiction, of the courts of England & Wales.

### **Online resources (E-resources)**

Access to online resources is dependent on your membership category and requires an account login and password.

Members as "authorised users" can make use of the electronic resources (access to Medicine Science and Law: MSL ).

Unauthorised use and abuse of these services, unintentional or otherwise, may lead to access being denied for the entire institution.

You are responsible for ensuring that your use of the resources complies with the licence terms and conditions. If you have any questions about the licensing of a specific electronic resource, please contact the Sage.