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**Application to become a Sonas Programme Certified Centre**

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We at Engaging Dementia (formerly Sonas apc) are delighted that you have decided to apply to become a Sonas Programme Certified Centre (SPCC). In doing so, you are demonstrating a commitment to a high-quality delivery of the Sonas Programme, for the benefit of people with moderate to severe dementia in your centre.

The Sonas Programme is an evidence-based therapeutic activity for people with moderate to severe dementia. Engaging Dementia is dedicated to supporting centres to maintain a high quality delivery of the Sonas Programme, as part of a person-centred care culture.

**Requirement of SPCC application**

Please note that in order to apply to become an SPCC, a centre must have a minimum of two Sonas Programme Licensed Practitioners (SPLPs) with up to date certification on its staff team. It must also be delivering the Sonas Programme to a high standard. Please see the Sonas Programme Standards Booklet for further information.

**How to become a Sonas Programme Certified Centre**

**STEP 1** Complete and submit this application, with application/assessment fee, to Engaging Dementia. You will then receive a call from Engaging Dementia, to schedule an onsite assessment of the Sonas Programme.

**STEP 2** On-site Assessment. This will include a short interview with the Person in Charge, discussion with the SPLP(s), observation/participation in a Sonas Group Session and a review of the Sonas Programme documentation.

**STEP 3** You will receive written notification from Engaging Dementia, within three weeks, on its assessment decision, with feedback. Where a centre does not meet SPCC certification standards, it will receive guidance for improvements, and can schedule a re-assessment.

**STEP 4** Once a centre is approved as an SPCC, the certification is valid for two years, with a yearly subscription fee payable.

**STEP 5** Receive SPCC Certificate and avail of 10% discounts on Engaging Dementia training courses

**Application Form**

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| **Name of Care Centre/Nursing Home** |  |
| **Name of Person-in-Charge** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Website** |  |
| **Number of beds\*** |  |
| **Details of Sonas Programme Licenced Practitioners (SPLPs) with up to date certification** |  |
| **Please tell us your reasons for applying to become a Sonas Programme Certified Centre** |  |
| **How do you feel the Sonas Programme fits within your centre’s philosophy and approach to care?** |  |

**\****Two SPLPs*(centres with less than 40 beds)

*Three SPLPs* (centres with 40-79 beds)

*Four SPLPs* (centres with 80 beds or more)

**We would be grateful if you could read the following and then sign below:**

I confirm that I have read the Sonas Programme Quality Standards (SPQS) booklet and that this care centre meets these standards.

I understand that the application process involves a half-day assessment of the implementation of the Sonas Programme in this care centre, which will include observation by the Engaging Dementia Assessor of a Sonas Group Session and review of Sonas Programme documentation. I understand that I will receive a written report from Engaging Dementia following the assessment providing me with feedback on the assessment and notifying me of whether the centre has met the required standards to be certified as a Sonas Programme Certified Centre (SPCC).

I understand that Engaging Dementia’s decision is final.

I understand that, on receipt of certification as a Sonas Programme Certified Centre:

* This centre will receive a certificate stating its SPCC status and duration of certification.
* This centre may display the SPQS logo on its website. Engaging Dementia will provide the jpeg of the SPQS logo.
* Registration is valid for a period of two calendar years from the date of certification, once the membership fee is paid.
* The centre may avail of a 10% discount on standard attendance fees on Engaging Dementia’s International Dementia Conference, and dementia training workshops.
* This centre shall, for the duration of the certified registration period, abide by the conditions of Sonas Programme Quality Standards (SPQS), as contained in the SPQS booklet.

I understand the fees set out overleaf.

***I wish to apply for registration as a Sonas Programme Certified Centre***

**Signed: ………………………………………………………………………… Date ………………….**

**Position: ………………………………………………………………………**

**Please email the completed form to Shri (admin@engagingdementia.ie) or post it to Engaging Dementia, Mounttown Community Facility, Lower Mounttown Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 KR65.**

**On receipt of the application, Engaging Dementia will contact you to schedule an assessment.**

We would like to support centres to achieve the required standard of delivery on first assessment. We would recommend that, prior to assessment, you review the SPQS Booklet to familiarise yourself with the key elements and requirements of the Sonas Programme, and check that your centre is implementing the Sonas Programme at a high standard.

We would also recommend that your SPLPs review the SPQS Booklet and their course booklet to revise the key principles, standards and delivery of the Sonas Programme, including documentation.

**Sonas Programme Certification Fees**

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| Application and Assessment for SPCC certification | €685 |
| Reassessment if unsuccessful: | €450 |
| 2-year SPCC membership fee | €170 |

Once a centre is approved as an SPCC and fee paid, certification is valid for two years.

**Payment Schedule**

The application and assessment fee (total €685.00) is payable prior to assessment.

On receipt of Sonas Programme Certification, a centre pays the balance of SPCC Membership Fee.

***Thank you for completing this application.***

***You have taken the first exciting step towards becoming a Sonas Programme Certified Centre and we at Engaging Dementia look forward to working with you now and into the future with the common goal of achieving person-centred care for people with dementia.***

**Web: www.engagingdementia.ie**